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Methanol agreement concluded

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 3 — The final joint venture agreement was signed Tuesday between Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Celanese Arabian Inc. and Eastern Arabian, Ltd. to own and operate a methanol project. It will have an installed capacity of 650,000 metric tons.

The agreement was signed by the minister of industry and electricity and chairman of SABIC's Board of Directors, Dr. Ghazi Ghannam, and chairman and chief executive officer of Celanese Corporation, John D. Lumber, and chairman, president and chief executive officer of Texas Eastern Corporation, David Butler.

The project will be owned on a 50/50 basis by SABIC and each of Celanese and Texas Eastern. Production is due to start in 1985.

A plane gutted; others saved

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

ARACHI, Feb. 3 — Pakistan International Airlines lost a DC-10 inside a hangar as mysterious flames gutted the \$56 million wide-bodied plane within minutes Monday.

There was no immediate report about the cause of the incident, but eyewitnesses reported smoke from the cockpit. The plane, scheduled for an engine replacement, caught fire as maintenance staff went for their dinner.

Love dispute settled; no women go to jail

By Edward Thangarajah Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 3 — Thai police ended a pistol duel between two women who wanted to settle their love for a man by shooting out. The women, both hotel employees, were arrested carrying pistols.

The police were tipped off by the management.

The first woman arrived on the scene to challenge for the contest with a fully loaded Cobra. Minutes later, the other woman arrived and was arrested with a .22 Cobra pistol but with only three rounds of bullets. She said she was so confident of victory that she did not want to load more than three bullets.



Gro Harlem Brundtland
First woman in Scandinavia

Mrs. Gro takes over Norway's premiership

OSLO, Feb. 3 (AP) — Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, a 41-year-old doctor and a mother of four children, takes over as Norway's new prime minister Wednesday to become the first woman prime minister in a Scandinavian country.

She is replacing Odvar Nordli, 53, in a position which left him so exhausted in five years that his doctors have ordered him to take a long rest.

Minister interviewed

By Younis Issa

JEDDAH, Feb. 3 — The Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qassem ruled out what is being waved as the "Jordanian option" in the U.S. administration drive to find a solution of the Middle East crisis, by talking to Jordan instead of the Palestinians.

In an interview with Arab News Al Qassem said the basis for a just solution of the Middle East question was reached by the Arab summit in Baghdad last year. "This calls for a complete Israeli withdrawal from all the occupied Arab countries, specially Jerusalem, the recognition of the Palestinian right to self-determination, to be exercised through the Palestine Liberation Organization," he said.

Shahi, Rajai hold meeting

By Edward Thangarajah Arab News Correspondent

TEHRAN, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi met Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai here Monday night, after stopping over "in a town in Khuzestan" for talks with President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the state news agency Pars said Tuesday.

Pars said that Rajai and Shahi talked for two hours, discussing notably the summit in Saudi Arabia. The meeting also touched on the unsuccessful attempt to convince Iran to negotiate with Iraq and security in the Gulf.

The Pakistani minister said he also discussed Afghanistan with President Bani-Sadr. "At the end we talked about the security of the Gulf and we agreed that it is up to the Gulf states themselves," he told Pars.

6 states discuss security of Gulf

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, Feb. 3 — Gulf foreign ministers will discuss collective security measures and full-scale coordination in political and economic matters when they meet in Riyadh Wednesday.

A Kuwaiti working paper will seek to define and draw up a plan for the security of Arab states in the region, according to Oman's Ambassador here, Ibrahim ibn Hamad Al Harithy.

The meeting will be attended by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

Speaking to Arab News, Harithy said the paper was presented to Gulf governments by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah Al Ahmad shortly before the third Islamic summit conference.

Harithy said the paper also proposes periodic meetings by top ranking leaders and calls for a summit conference of Gulf leaders in due course.

"The paper has been approved," Harithy said, "leaving only the mechanics of implementation to be thrashed out." The ministers will try to reach a consensus as to the policy and action to be taken to ensure a military economic and political plan that will serve the interests of the region.

Harithy dismissed foreign press reports this week that the foreign ministers will concentrate on forming a "confederal union" of all the states that will bring about closer political, military and economic unity while at the same time leave the member states pretty much independent at home.

"The Kuwaiti paper, if carried out, will be more significant than a confederal union," Harithy said. "We have a common enemy and it will be prudent to devote our joint efforts to ward off threats to our security and stability."

Although he did not name the common enemy, Harithy singled out the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan as an example of the kind of threats that worry the policy makers of the region.

The joint security coordination plan will not be aimed at anybody, he said. It will not antagonize any one. "It is intended to serve (Continued on back page)

Reagan willing to reduce arms

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — President Reagan has expressed a willingness to discuss arms cuts with the Soviet Union, the New York Times said Tuesday. But, according to the Times, Reagan would sit down with Kremlin leaders only when they were prepared to discuss "a legitimate reduction of nuclear weapons."

Reagan made his comments during a meeting at the White House Monday with reporters from the Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Christian Science Monitor, the Chicago Tribune and Time magazine. During the meeting, Reagan said he did not think the United States should maintain a military presence in the Middle East to deter any reckless moves by the Soviet Union.

Asked whether arms limitation talks would depend on progress in improving U.S. defenses, Reagan said: "I told the State Department that I have no timetable with regard to discussions that might lead to future negotiations. Any time they want to sit down and discuss legitimate reduction of nuclear weapons I would be willing to get into such negotiations."

On the U.S. military presence in the Middle East, Reagan said he had never favored the use of American armed force to prevent any move toward the Gulf. He remarked it was President Carter who had said that, while later conceding that the United States did not have the force to carry out such a threat.

"What I have called for and what I think is needed as we refurbish our capability is a presence in the Middle East, Reagan said. By a presence, he added, he did not mean that sufficient U.S. troops would have to be stationed in the area to repulse any Soviet advance.

Gold dips, dollar soars

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R) — The price of gold dropped Tuesday with a speed that surprised the experts and the dollar soared as investors backed President Reagan's economic policies with their money.

The markets were impressed by statements from the Reagan administration indicating that it would take major steps to combat inflation, which is likely to mean high interest rates and a good return for investment in the dollar, analysts said.

Gold traded in Europe this morning at around \$482 an ounce, the lowest price since March of last year and about \$15 down on Monday's European level. The markets reported noticeable selling of gold from the Middle East.

The dollar's rise was particularly at the expense of the West German mark. The dollar traded at 2.1580 marks from Monday's of around 2.1220.

Frankfurt dealers said the mark was hit by figures showing higher West German unemployment at 5.6 per cent of the workforce, a rise of 190,000 in January. A decision by Hamburg city authorities against a scheme for a nuclear power plant also affected the mark.

The pound sterling, undermined by feeling on the markets that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher might ease her severe monetarist anti-inflation policies, fell further to \$2.3325 after closing in Europe last night at 2.3485.

Sterling is being affected by a weekend television interview in which Thatcher, although reaffirming her monetarist stance, said the exchange rate must be considered in any decision about the Bank of England's minimum lending rate, now at 14 per cent.

The remark was interpreted as a hint that she might lower interest rates to bring sterling down slightly and help British exporters by making their goods cheaper.

On the bullion markets, analysts said gold's fall was caused by a feeling that international tension had eased, as well as by the dollar's strength. Gold has lost more than \$80 since the American hostages were released by Iran on Jan. 20. Dealers expressed surprise at the sharpness of drop.

West German Bundesbank President Kai Otto Foell ruled out any devaluation of the mark within the European Monetary System (EMS). The mark's weakness has caused strains in the EMS whose currencies have to be kept linked.

Three killed in Israeli raid

BEIRUT, Feb. 3 (AP) — Sea-borne Israeli fighters landed on Lebanon's Mediterranean coast shortly before midnight Monday and shot up a vehicle killing three occupants and wounding two, Lebanon's state radio reported.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) said in a communique it lost one killed and one wounded in the ambush. No other group commented on the highway raid near the port city of Sidon.

The Beirut broadcast said the raiders engaged in a battle by machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades with commandos their Nationalist Lebanese allies at the beachside neighborhood of Kaab Sakhra, before heading back to Israel by gumboats.

The radio quoted residents as saying they heard the sound of many explosions during the firefight this was the second Israeli raid into Southern Lebanon this year.

Israeli warplanes blasted commando bases in the south for the first time this year last Thursday, killing four Palestinian and 10 Lebanese, with official PLO and Lebanese government counts.



Anwar Sadat

Reagan assures Sadat of support

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan sent a cable to President Anwar Sadat reaffirming the United States' "strong and continuing commitment to (achieving) prosperity for Egypt," the official Middle East News Agency reported Tuesday.

The agency said Reagan sent the cable last month, on the occasion of the aid donors' conference that was held Jan. 20 and 21 in the southern Egyptian city of Asswan.

"The presence of an American delegation at the conference is undeniable proof of our strong and continuing commitment to prosperity for Egypt ... and our government's support for your efforts at building a better tomorrow for your people," the agency quoted Reagan's cable as saying.

The United States has been giving Egypt, \$ one billion a year in aid since 1974, and at the donors conference last month, it was announced that the figure would be \$1.2 billion for fiscal 1981-82. Added to that is \$3.5 billion in military credits the United States granted Egypt following the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in 1979.

The agency said Sadat thanked Reagan in a return cable, saying it was a "hopeful omen that the conference took place the same day as you assumed authority as president of the United States, a nation linked to ours with the deepest ties of friendship and cooperation."

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King reaffirms success**Ministers discuss summit**

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers Monday discussed the results of the third Islamic summit conference that opened in Mecca, January 2, and later continued in Taif, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, chaired the meeting and conveyed to the ministers King Khaled's satisfaction and elation for the summit's success.

The King has affirmed that the summit clearly showed the genuine desire of all those who attended it to close their ranks and speak like one man everywhere on earth, Prince Abdullah stated.

King Khaled also discussed the importance of following up the implementation of the summit's decisions. He further said, "I acquainted myself with the activities of the committees set up by the summit to deal with the various issues and I hope that God will enable everyone to shoulder his responsibility before Him and before Muslims who placed their confidence in us. But no doubt that our success and triumph can be bestowed only by the Almighty. The King also

stressed the important role to be played by all mass communications, cultural and educational bodies in making the outcome of the conference live in people's mind and to everybody's benefit all the time.

The Council then reviewed a report on the activities of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu and its achievements and programs in Yanbu last year. Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer also briefed the Council on the definition of local, regional and national centers in the Third Development Plan.

The objectives for the regional development of the Kingdom are to assist the regions, and especially rural areas, to develop productive activities which will enable them to retain as many of their inhabitants as possible, and to extend the distribution of services to assist those communities with the potential for self-sufficiency, and especially with the principles of Islam, a Planning Ministry report said earlier.

The particular objectives for the Third Year Plan will be to avoid overconcentration of resources in a few urban enclaves,

which may be to the detriment of the rest of the Kingdom, and also to stimulate the provision of development facilities in selected areas which will support productive enterprises, the report added. In this respect the regional strategy has been framed within the general strategic context of minimizing manpower requirements, while at the same time facilitating the provision of development services to the public.

According to the Planning Ministry, this strategy also will offer the opportunity to set up more specialized development zones or "growth poles" at a later date, once particular areas have proven their potential for creating and sustaining productive investment. Also the need for coordinating the activities of ministries and other agencies with a regional responsibility is increasingly important.

The policy to achieve the regional goals and objectives is to introduce a system of national, regional and district centers spread throughout the Kingdom, for the provision and effective coordination of development services.

Repairs cost SR 4.5m**Qatif hospital faces expansion**

DAMMAM, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The Health General Directorate of the Eastern Province is working on expanding and renovating the Qatif Central hospital. The expansion and repairs will cost SR4.5 million, according to the hospital's director.

Dr. Muhammad Al-Baroodi said Tuesday that these activities comprise building new out-patient clinics, expanding women's and maternity departments, constructing several warehouses for the hospital and making general repairs on the buildings. Dr. Baroodi added that five additional clinics will be built in Darea, Qadiah, Anik, Syhat and Tarut during the current five year development plan.

Meanwhile, in the first year of the Third Development Plan, the government plans to establish a National Health Council, accord-

ing to the Planning Ministry. The council will determine the Kingdom's health policies, guide the development and improvement of all health services, delineate the responsibilities of individual government health care agencies and the private sector and coordinate their activities.

However, priority will be placed upon completing the construction and initiating the operation of hospitals, health centers and training centers which were begun during the second plan. These will provide a total of 1,150 extra hospital beds. In addition, 36 new hospitals with a total capacity of 7,550 beds will be constructed during the Third Plan period, of which 2,388 new beds will come into service during the Third Plan, and the remainder during the Fourth Plan, according to Plan-

ning Ministry estimates.

In the past, there has been a concentration on curative medical services, and on secondary care through hospitals, rather than on preventive medicine and primary care. The Ministry of Planning states that this is because the necessary priority during the First and Second Plan periods has been to provide immediate treatment of disease. Although there has been a great expansion in preventive health care, most of the energies and resources of the medical care services have been channeled toward the expansion of curative facilities. In the Third Plan, the Kingdom plans to implement Health education programs that will be introduced by community health workers who will be appointed to community development centers and all health centers.

Youth groups received

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, general director of the Youth Welfare Organization, received delegations taking part in the Eighth Arab Work Camp scheduled to open Thursday in Medina. Countries participating in the camp are Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Iraq, Jordan, Sudan, Tunisia and Morocco.

The prince greeted the delegations and told them that Saudi Arabia was their second country.

By Ministry of Information**Cassette piracy legislation given go-ahead**

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Information Undersecretary Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja said he was pleased that Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani had given the go-ahead for the implementation of the new copyright legislation enacted to protect Saudi artists against cassette piracy.

According to the new law, specialized distributing firms will handle the registration and distribution. The firms will sell only to licensed shops. People wishing to open such firms should apply to the department in charge of publications for a license.

Piracy has become a major problem in the Kingdom, with not only local recording figures, but also in the video programs market. The matter has broad implications which affect the integrity of the market according to one local businessman.



Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja

Samir Jamjoom, a local producer of films, told Saudi Business magazine that time has come for copyright laws across the world to be honored. "We would like to see other people honor it (copyright law) because copyright was adopted then this would be more control for the ministry, because amount of businessmen who would be licensed to buy films with copyright would be minimum," Jamjoom said.

Most retailers buying films can't afford to buy films from the producer along with copyright. "We can, and we dub it and then the Ministry of Information can control us. So the cost on us and we can control the market by better quality than some of the rubbish: firms are making right now, Jamjoom. He added that this would have the effect of higher quality and more revenue because now outside Saudi Arabia, we think everybody is pirating everybody in the Kingdom.

"Sooner or later there must be a copy in Saudi Arabia because this is part of our nation, and we can't go on as a non-competitor. We are United Nations member and we have to be a part. It's fair after we producers making films locally, I am that they would like to see themselves tested, Jamjoom said.

At one point the MOI required video to be licensed, and shops had to close until they obtained their licenses. Many people who closed down their shops opened back up because they didn't meet requirements. However, the MOI didn't touch on pirating operations.

OIC meeting planned

JAKARTA, Feb. 3 (AP) — Six Islamic nations will attend the Organizational Conference here in late February, Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said Tuesday. The conference will discuss programs for joint cooperation among members of the Islamic organization in fields of economics, politics and culture, following up on decisions made at the recent meeting in Taif.

The funds for this cooperation will be provided for by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates, totaling \$1 billion, he said.

Agency issues warning on electrical lighting

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standard Organization announced that the electric power standard for residential areas in the Kingdom is 127 volts (60 hertz) or 220 volts (60 hertz).

SASO called on the public to observe the power standard in purchasing electric lights. For 127-volts, lights should be of 120-volt minimum and 130-volt maximum consumption; and for 220-volts lights should not go below that mark and could fit up to 230 volts.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the organization said it had conducted analysis on

Education office assumes control of 17 schools

DAMMAM, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Education Directorate assumed control of 17 primary and intermediate schools on which work has been completed. The schools, located in various parts of the region, cost SR57.6 million, officials reported Tuesday.

Dr. Said Atiyya Abu Aali, Eastern Province education director general, said the recently-built schools include three in Dammam, one in Alkhubar, and 13 in Hassa region and Wadi Al-Miyah. Some of the new schools have been opened, and the rest of them are on the way, Dr. Aali said.

He added that the directorate will release tenders for additional schools and is trying to obtain land plots for constructing educational projects.

seven types of electrical lights sold in the local market. The aim of the analysis was to verify the adherence of electric light bulbs to the Saudi Arabian standard specifications.

The analysis revealed that the 110-volt lights, if applied to 127-volt power have their life reduced by 85 per cent. Also if 115-volt lights are applied to 127 volt network, their life is reduced by 73 per cent, the statement said.

In 220-volt power networks, if 200-volt lights are applied they expire 71 per cent sooner than normal, and 210-volt lights expire 50 per cent earlier than normal.

SASO issued a warning for importers and merchants to observe the specifications of electric lights and not to sell lights whose capacity does not comply to the Kingdom's standard electricity power. Importers and merchants should not take advantage of consumers' ignorance to sell stocks of electric lights that are not consistent with the standard power in the country.

The organization called on the chambers of commerce and importers to import appliances that comply with the Kingdom's standards. All chambers and more than 400 importers have been contacted.

Prayer Times

WEDNESDAY	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Taif
Fajr	5.32	5.37	5.09	4.58	5.27	5.1
Ishraq	6.57	7.02	6.34	6.23	6.47	7.2
Dhuhr	12.35	12.36	12.07	11.54	12.18	12.4
Asr	3.49	3.46	3.17	3.02	3.27	3.2
Maghreb	6.13	6.10	5.41	5.26	5.50	6.2
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Writers increase activity

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Books written in Saudi Arabia increased by 128 per cent, according to a General Directorate Publications study. According to the directorate's study, 219 books were written locally in 1980, compared to 96 in 1979.

Among the 219 books, 27 dealt with the kingdom compared to eight only the previous year — a 237 per cent increase — which shows how much people to learn about their country. Another 65 books in 1980 against 27 in 1979 were about religion — 140 per cent increase. The study also indicated that 35 books — compared to 29 in 1979 — were on language and literature. Moreover, 26 books — compared to 12 the previous year — were published on folkloric poetry, showing a 117 per cent increase over 1979. History and biography books in 1980 totaled 20 against nine in 1979 — a 110 per cent increase.

The number of political, economic and scientific books was 26 against two only in 1979 a 1,200 per cent increase. Children's books numbered 11 in 1980 against six in 1979 an 83 per cent increase without counting the books being printed.

Another nine books were published in 1980 about miscellaneous subjects against five the previous year — a 200 per cent increase.

The study also showed that seven books in 1980 were written by women authors — compared to two only in 1979. Three books were published about the country's language compared to only one in 1979. As translation and adaptation, only one book was translated in 1980 and one in 1979.

In SR18.2m contract

Water projects awarded

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Agriculture Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved the awarding of an SR 18.2 million contract Tuesday. The contract covers water projects in Farharah, Al-Khathim, Jizan hospital and Farasan Island. The project comprises digging two artesian wells and providing seven pumping units. The project, to be completed in 24 months, also for building four water tanks. Three of them will be situated atop 20 to 25 meter high hills with 300, 200 and 150 cubic meter capacity. The fourth will be a 200 cubic meter ground tank.



Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh

Under the contract, 12 buildings for the pumping units, chlorine equipment and housing for employees are to be constructed. In addition, the project includes 53 drinking water units, nine reservoirs for camels, one cattle and nine stations for water trucks.

A separate development, work on a purification plant in Ank has begun, with a sewage network project as part of SR 557 million permanent water and sewage project for Qatif. The purification and sewage network of Ank and nearby areas are to be completed within 30 months, also reported.

Mayor Muhammad Al-Tamim also that other asphalt and illumination projects for Ank are under construction. The projects, worth SR 25 million, also de the villages of Jash and Milsha, he said.

The mayor said the municipality will issue

financial compensation to people whose land has been expropriated. The expropriated land was specified for introducing expansion of streets and making improvements. The fund allotted for the compensations in this year's budget of Ank municipality amounts to SR 46.2 million, Mayor Tamim added.

Meanwhile, Ank municipality has called on government land grantees and limited income people who had applied for plot grants to check with the municipality for receiving plots in the new planned areas of the town.

COMMENT

By Saad Al-Bawardi
Al-Jazira

Aside being a physical exercise, sport is a civilized moral behavior that also helps mental and intellectual growth. It provides a competition among athletes and creates a desire for a better and ideal life.

But when our concept slides from this framework and we start showing blind favoritism devoid of any athletic spirit, we simply transgress every concept of sport and destroy the very foundation on which the structure of any game is built.

In fact, we ought to encourage the best in discipline and behavior. Whatever our affiliations, we should not go beyond the limits of decency in our dealing with the rival team, no matter whether it wins the game or suffers a defeat in it.

Exactly as a game conditions the movement of players, we must build and control our nerves, without permitting ourselves to slip into the wilderness of foul language or bad manners.

In my view, the broader meaning of the sport is to regulate the body movement and to give vent to a life of emotions and excitement. Furthermore, sport emphasizes the collective role of the society in realizing an objective. We must not consider it as a means to kill time or to keep oneself busy. We must rise in our collective attitude, no matter whether we are players, members of clubs or ordinary people.

Summit discussed

BEIRUT, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The Lebanese Islamic Organization met Monday in presence of Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan to discuss the outcome of the Third Islamic Summit, especially in regard to the situation in Lebanon. It also reviewed political and security developments in South Lebanon.

Abdo Yamani says

Saudi-U.S. relations good

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Relations with the United States are good and Saudi Arabia is confident about the future of the Middle East and Palestinian cause during the Reagan Administration. It also has a more positive outlook for the situation in the area, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said.



Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani

In an interview Monday with ABC, Dr. Yamani said Saudi Arabia believes that if the situation in the area is dealt with in a realistic manner, the new American administration would understand the problem comprehensively and realize that the ideal solution of a just peace would ensure the area's stability. Such an approach would also enable the United States to cooperate with the Arab world in a way that would safeguard the interests of both parties.

Dr. Yamani, whose interview is part of the program *Good Morning America* said the rights of the Palestinian people should be taken into consideration, that the Palestinians should take part in any settlement and that they should be given the chance to air their views because they are at the heart of the problem. He referred to that people's suffering and in particular to the pains endured by the refugees over the past 30 years. It is high time, he said, to take a global look to the problem, emphasizing the pressing need for a new outlook. The minister again denounced the Camp David accords because, he said, they do not ensure a comprehensive and just peace in the area.

He pointed out that Saudi Arabia is one of those countries enjoying security which emanates from the Saudi people themselves and the mutual trust between them and their leaders who are part of them. He expounded the open door policy for which Saudi Arabia and the Gulf are famous, and which is successfully followed by King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and senior Saudi officials, saying that there is no barrier between people and leaders. There is a continuous dialogue between the people and the leaders — an ideal

democracy "which many others lack," he said.

Dr. Yamani condemned the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, saying, "We must not forget the dangerous Soviet threats to the area which also constitutes a menace to the freedom of the whole world. Such threats cannot be overlooked, Saudi Arabia's policy in this regard is that it does not permit the establishment of foreign bases on its soil. The United States ought to supply the Kingdom with the necessary arms and equipment and be firm in facing the Soviet threats, then call on us to defend the region and defend ourselves by ourselves." The minister welcomed President Reagan's recent statements to the effect that Soviet threats and moves will be faced firmly.

He said that we (the Saudis) need the F-15 jets and other weapons to defend our huge country and have no hostile intentions toward anybody. He was replying to a question about the campaign launched by Zionist circles regarding the jets deal with the United States, including spareparts and advanced training. The Zionists contended that the warplanes would pose a threat to the Israelis.

On oil, Dr. Yamani said that Saudi Arabia proved so far that it always made positive use of oil, affirming that it will continue to follow that course out of its responsibility toward the world at large and its keenness on helping other countries solve their problems, especially the developing countries that are greatly affected by energy price fluctuations. He added, "All we hope for is a drive to persuade the Israelis to restore the occupied Arab territories, foremost among which is Jerusalem, and recognize the Palestinians' legitimate rights, especially their right to statehood."

BRIEFS

Reform committee meets

RIYADH, Feb. 3 — The Administrative Reform Committee met Tuesday evening under Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and aviation, and discussed organization and methods. A number of ministers and senior officials attended the meeting which was held at the minister's office.

Italian trade mission

DAMMAM, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Members of the Eastern Province's Chamber of Commerce conferred Tuesday with a visiting Italian trade mission from Pissaro's chamber. Talks dealt with the means of bolstering trade exchanges and cooperation. The delegation specializing in furniture arrived here Monday on a six-day visit to the province.

Dammam water board

DAMMAM, Feb. 3 (SPA) — The board of the Eastern Province's Water and Sewage Department meets Wednesday under its chairman, Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, the governor of the province. It will discuss the department's ongoing projects in Al-Khobar, and Dammam as well as a number of administrative and financial issues.

Polio vaccination

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Parents will have two weeks in Saudi Arabia as of Saturday to have their children vaccinated against polio. The Health Ministry began an intensive campaign to eradicate the disease in the Kingdom on last Safar 6 and some children already were vaccinated twice. The new deadline is for the third dose.

Naif sees security group

RIYADH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif received Monday the Jordanian delegation to the Saudi-Jordanian Security Follow Up Committee led by Turki Al-Hindawi, the governor of Maan. The prince welcomed the guests and expressed to them his deep appreciation for their efforts in promoting cooperation between the security organs of the two countries. Sheikh Sulan Al-Sudairi, governor of Al-Qaryat, attended the meeting.

Pilgrims' tents discussed

JEDDAH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Possible alternatives for tents for the pilgrims at Mina were discussed here Tuesday at a meeting of the Central Committee on Pilgrimage. Sheikh Hamad Al-Shawi, deputy governor of Mecca presided. The committee will meet again next week for deeper studies. The meeting also dealt with new fire-fighting methods and traffic and parking problems.

Majed inspects water plant

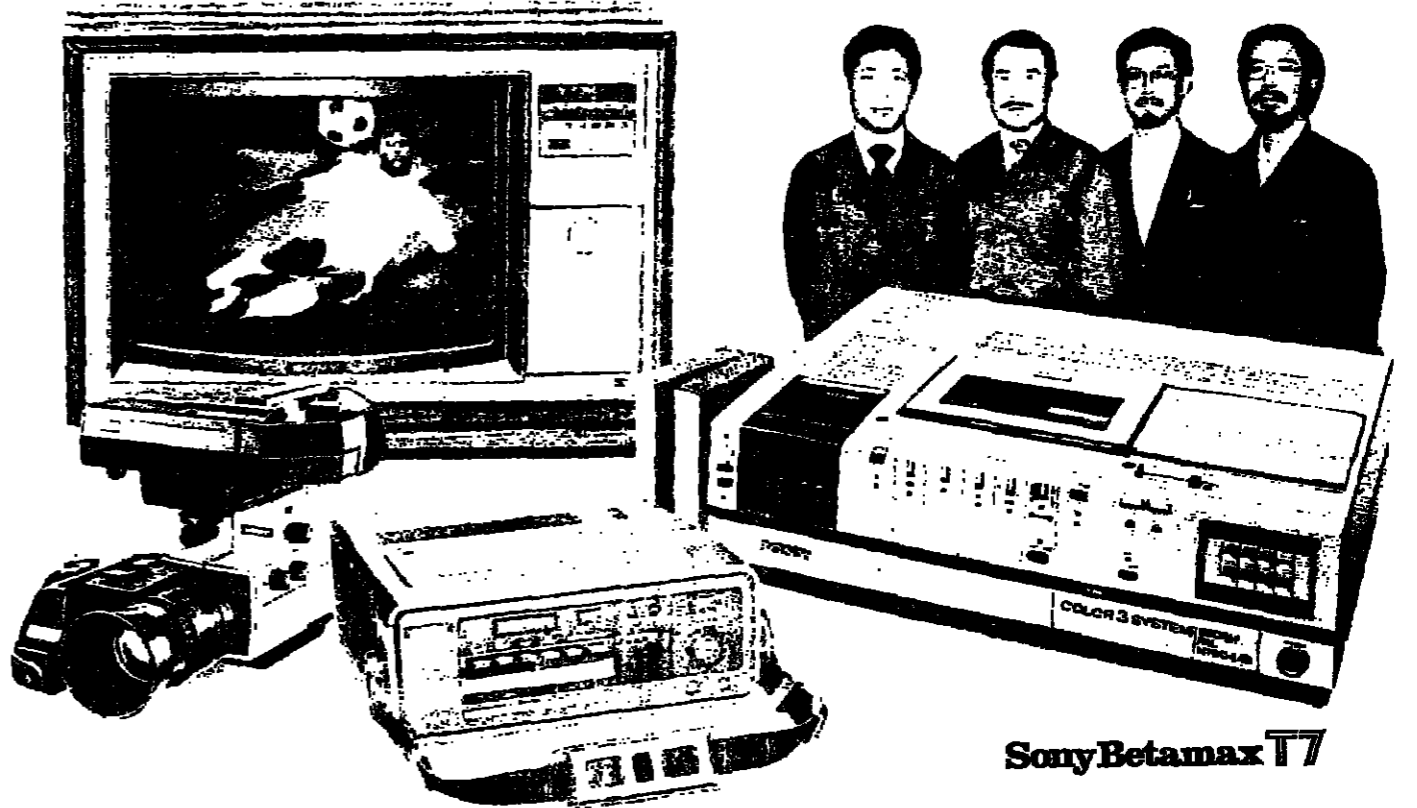
JEDDAH, Feb. 3 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed Tuesday afternoon inspected the main center of Jeddah's Water Project, in the northern part of the city. He was shown a layout of the water network. He also visited a laboratory where drinking water from wells and health water plants is regularly tested. He also visited meter repair workshops and other installations as well as the main pumping station.

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Iraq admits receipt of Mirage F-1 jets

BEIRUT, Feb. 3 (Agencies) Iraq Tuesday acknowledged the receipt of the first consignment of Mirage F-1 jet fighters from France and renewed an offer to negotiate a peaceful settlement of the war with Iran.

An Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman made this statement in Baghdad as both warring countries claimed hundreds of deaths in paratroop combat and hit-and-run raids along the 483-km battlefield.

The spokesman paid warm tribute to France's respect of its contractual commitments and vowed Iraq would never forget "the sound practice by the French government with regards to future dealings."

Four planes were handed over to Iraq Saturday in a cloak-and-dagger operation in Cyprus. The unmarked Mirage F-1's and two other planes arrived at Larnaca airport with French pilots and took off with Iraqi crews.

In Paris, the French officials, confirming delivery of the planes, said France would deliver more Mirage F-1 fighter bombers to Iraq in the next few weeks.

They said an Iranian parliamentary delegation that visited Paris last November was warned that France intended to go ahead with deliveries despite the war between Iran

and Iraq. The Iranians expressed disapproval, but refrained from making any threats of retaliation, the French sources said.

Iran's charge d'Affaires in Paris, Ali Banifatehi, said Sunday delivery of the Mirages had not been expected, and the Iranian people would never forget what France had done. Iran has not commented officially on France's action. However, Iranian press and leaders Monday strongly condemned France.

The Tehran press accused France of using "all its forces to destroy the revolution." The newspaper *Islamic Republic* argued that within 24 hours of the delivery of the Mirages, "the French planes could be participating in the bombing of populated regions of Iran."

Meanwhile, French aerospace Baron Marcel Dassault said Monday that he would honor his agreement to sell war planes to Iraq, but would refuse to sell any military equipment to Iran.

In a radio interview, Dassault, head of the firm which manufactures the French Mirage fighter bombers, said that he had agreed to sell the planes to Iraq before the outbreak of the Gulf war.

Western aid needed to face Soviet expansion, Sudan says

KHARTOUM, Feb. 3 (AP) — Sudan, Africa's largest country, has appealed to the United States and the West to help African countries avert Soviet penetration into this fertile, mineral-rich continent.

In an interview with AP Monday, Sudan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Muhammad Mirghani, blasted the Soviet-armed Libyan intervention in Chad as a naked aggression on a poor country and warned it aimed at "stretching the Soviet arm into other African countries."

Similar concern has been expressed by the United States, France, Egypt and a dozen African countries. The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan has said Soviet expansion by proxy in Africa is of "utmost concern to it."

Chad is Sudan's western neighbor. An estimated 5,000 Soviet armed Libyan troops have been sent there since late last year. "What is happening in Chad is comparable to what has happened in Afghanistan", Mirghani said. "The objective is the same — to stretch the Soviet arm into other African countries."

He praised France for reinforcing the

defense of Sudan and its move to placate the fears of neighboring African countries following the Libyan intervention and announced merger plans Jan. 6. France beefed up its forces in the Central African Republic after the merger was proposed by Libyan Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

"At first, France was indifferent, but now it has shown concern which is really encouraging," Mirghani said. "I expect all free countries to show equal concern."

France has signed a \$500 million arms agreement with Sudan recently, and the French Minister of Defense and Cooperation Robert Galley, paid a surprise 24-hour visit here last week to assess further needs and review the situation in the light of developments in Chad.

One way to avert Soviet expansion in the area, Mirghani said is for Western countries and the United States to extend economic and defense aid to Sudan and neighboring states. "A strong Sudan economically and otherwise, is required. Good support to African countries facing this problem is required so that they will not be compelled to fall into the hands of others... we need help more than ever before."



Lord Carrington

M.E. dispute can spread to major powers: Carrington

LONDON, Feb. 3 (R) — The British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, has said the Arab-Israeli dispute was the most important issue yet to be resolved in foreign affairs. "The Arab-Israeli dispute is one of the most difficult problems and has defied solution over a very great number of years," Lord Carrington told a dinner for overseas bankers at London's Guildhall Monday.

The foreign secretary said there had been some misunderstanding of the suggested peace initiative of the European Economic Community (EEC). Such an initiative would not seek to compete with the efforts of the United States, but only to remove a danger to the world and the polarization of a dispute which could easily spread to the superpowers, he said.

The EEC summit conference in Venice last June called for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Middle East peace talks and for Israel's right to security.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet discussed the situation in the Middle East Monday with Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Department. A French spokesman said the meeting was at the request of Kaddoumi.

In Belgrade, a PLO delegation discussed the Middle East situation and nonaligned policies with Yugoslav officials Monday.

In another development, a Finnish Foreign Ministry spokesman has dismissed reports that PLO might set up a political office in Finland soon. Yasser Abd-Rabbo, a PLO representative who has been visiting Finland unofficially, had talks Monday with department head Pekka Korvenheimo of the foreign ministry. He told journalists the PLO hoped to establish a political office in Helsinki, possibly within a few months.

Jordan-Syria rift 'can't be solved by handshake'

AMMAN, Feb. 3 (R) — Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran has said that differences between his country and Syria could not be solved just by shaking hands. Badran was answering questions in the National Consultative Council (parliament) on whether mediation efforts were made during the Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia last month.

"A mediation committee has been formed to try to end the Iranian-Iraqi war," he said. "But no committee has been formed to try to settle Jordanian-Syrian differences. Many know that Syria had massed troops along our northern border and we all know the enormous dangers that could result from massing two Arab armies against one another."

Badran also said that Jordan had withdrawn its forces from the front line with Israel to protect its northern border. "Because the plot was of such large dimensions, it could not be ended by mediation ... or by a mere shake of hands," Badran declared.

Syria said it massed troops along the



Mudar Badran

Jordanian border before the Arab summit Amman last November "to prevent King Hussein from joining the Camp David agreements (between Egypt and Israel) and from taking over the role of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinians." Jordan has repeatedly denied the charges.

Tigre groups urge Ethiopia boycott

KHARTOUM, Feb. 3 (AP) — While seeking to unite other rebel forces for toppling the Soviet-backed Ethiopian regime, fighting groups in Ethiopia's northern Tigre province have called on world governments to help them achieve their goal by imposing economic and arms boycott against that country's central government.

A spokesman for the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF) accused both the Soviet Union and Western countries of propping up the central government against growing opposition from a wide coalition of nationalist movements during a lengthy interview here.

The spokesman cited massive Soviet arms assistance and substantial Western economic

aid as jointly responsible for continuing the conflicts in Ethiopia. "Taken together, this is all that keeps the present regime in power," Yemane Kidane said.

While the Soviet Union has provided close to \$2 billion in arms to Ethiopia since 1977, Western agencies and states are the country's principal source of non-military aid, according to Kidane who cited a plan by the European Economic Community (EEC) to give Ethiopia \$400 million over the next five years.

"The United States gave Ethiopia \$28 million last year under the heading of humanitarian relief, but this money is being used to further the war effort," charged the TPLF spokesman.

Israeli elections set for June 30

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — A parliamentary committee decided Tuesday on June 30 as the date for Israel's national elections in which the opposition Labor Party is heavily favored to oust Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The full parliament was expected to confirm the date soon.

Begin, when he agreed last month to hold elections earlier than the scheduled November date, had proposed July 7, but that date was opposed by the Labor opposition. Confident of victory, Labor wanted the voting to be held sooner.

Some polls indicate that Labor might — for the first time in Israel's history — win an outright majority in the 120-seat Knesset that would enable party chief Shimon Peres to form a government without coalition partners.

Begin's leadership has been hovering around 20 per cent in public opinion polls as Israelis struggle with the world's highest inflation rate — 135 per cent in 1980.

Begin has antagonized some Israelis with his ambitious policy of settling Jews in occupied Arab territories, and there is widespread dissatisfaction with the government's inability to progress toward further agree-

ment with Egypt on the Palestinian question.

A Knesset committee is currently studying two suggested changes to the electoral law which would require candidates to produce 1,500 signatures of support instead of 500 and a deposit of \$4,000 instead of \$600.

Kuwait, S. Yemen oppose foreign presence in Gulf

KUWAIT, Feb. 3 (AP) — Kuwait and South Yemen have expressed regret for the continuation of the Iran-Iraq war "in view of the attrition it caused of the potentialities of the two Muslim peoples." This came in a joint communique issued Monday at the end of Kuwait Ruler Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah's state visit to Aden. The ruler returned to Kuwait earlier in the day.

The communique also stressed the preservation of peace and security in the Gulf area was the sole responsibility of the Gulf states and should be conducted away from "foreign pressures and intervention."

"In this context," the two countries reaffirm their rejection of all forms of foreign military intrusion in the region," the communique added.

Kuwait and South Yemen called for turning the Red Sea into "a zone of peace and cooperation and free international navigation." Sheikh Jaber and South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad agreed on the necessity of "further consultations" regarding Yemeni proposal for convening a Gulf summit conference.

Qaddafi receives Assad's message

TRIPOLI, Feb. 3 (AP) — Syrian Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam is in Tripoli for an official visit, the Libyan News Agency Jana reported Monday. Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi met with Khaddam Sunday, Jana said. Khaddam, who is also his country's foreign minister, carried a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad, the report said. Libya and Syria announced last September that they plan to merge their countries, but the project has apparently stalled in recent months.

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Peru-Ecuador fighting

Foreign observers supervise ceasefire

LIMA, Feb. 3 (AP) — Teams of foreign military attaches patrolled the border battle front between Peru and Ecuador Tuesday to supervise a ceasefire agreed to after five days of skirmishing.

The United States, Brazil, Chile and Argentina sent the military observers Monday from their embassies in Lima and Quito, the Peruvian and Ecuadorean capitals, to criss-cross the disputed area in the Condor mountain range by helicopter.

Their job was to make sure that neither army started fighting again at three remote outposts which Ecuador established on territory awarded to Peru in a 1942 treaty guaranteed by the four foreign powers.

No fighting had been reported since Monday, Peru claimed it had captured all three posts, but Ecuador said it still held two. Each side said it inflicted heavy casualties on the other, but so far Ecuador has acknowledged only two of its soldiers killed while Peru has admitted to one.

Acceptance of the ceasefire was announced in Lima Monday by Peru's acting Foreign Minister, Felipe Osterling, and in Quito by Ecuador's President Jaime Roldos. Although Roldos said his government sought a peaceful solution to the conflict, he warned it still demands sovereignty over the 70,000 square miles of disputed territory.

"The ceasefire does not signify renunciation of Ecuadorean rights," he told a rally in Quito. "I am conscious of what a long conflict can signify. But I am also conscious that it is an elementary duty to defend Ecuador's territorial integrity."

The Rio de Janeiro Protocol of 1942 delineating the border through the Condor range was signed after a border war in which 500 Peruvians and Ecuadoreans were killed. Ecuador abrogated the treaty in 1951, asserting it had signed under duress. Fighting broke out last week after Ecuador established the three outposts on the Peruvian side of the border in January.

The Organization of American States took up the border fighting at an emergency meeting in Washington Monday. Ecuador's Foreign Minister, Alfonso Barrera, and Peru's Foreign Minister Javier Arias Stella, each accused the other's government of aggression.

Barrera demanded Arias Stella abandon his "arrogant position," and Arias Stella accused Barrera of making "inadmissible insults."

President Roldos said in a bitter national TV and radio broadcast Sunday night that Ecuador would accept a ceasefire which "respects the territorial integrity of Ecuador."

In an unusually strong personal attack on President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru Roldos said, "It will depend on the course of events whether Ecuador resolves to break diplomatic and commercial relations with Peru."

Each country accused the other of inciting the border conflict by invading territory along a 50-mile unmarked stretch of the border last week.

Snag delays U.S. shuttle launching

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP) — The first launch of the manned space shuttle, already more than two years behind schedule, has been delayed until April to give investigators time to find the cause of a fuel tank problem. The flight had originally been scheduled for March 17.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Monday that the launch will be attempted no earlier than the week of April 5. The flight may be delayed even further if the cause of the problem is not discovered and corrected soon, NASA said.

The numerous delays, astronauts John Young and Bob Crippen quipped recently, have made them the best-trained astronaut team ever.

The first Shuttle, Columbia, was undergoing a fueling test at Cape Canaveral, Florida, last week when the most recent problem was discovered. When the external fuel tank was emptied, technicians discovered that two areas of outside insulation had become loose, NASA said. Officials said they are not certain what caused the debonding of the areas of insulation.

The 154-foot-tall external tank holds liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen, which fuel the shuttle's three main engines. The insulation, a spray-on chemical foam, is used to maintain fuel temperature and to protect the skin surface from heat during liftoff.

NASA also announced that a flight readiness firing of Columbia's engines, which had been scheduled for Feb. 13, was postponed three days because of minor technical reasons.

Those tests are considered critical in



LAUNCH DELAYED: The launching of Columbia, the first manned U.S. space shuttle, has been delayed due to a fuel tank problem. The launch is expected to take place in April, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced Monday.

Waldheim to attend Delhi nonaligned ministerial talks

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — Informal consultations have begun here among senior officials of the nonaligned countries who have already reached the Indian capital to prepare the ground for the nonaligned foreign ministers' meeting beginning Feb. 9, informed sources said.

Over 100 officials of member countries, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, are here to attend the official level talks beginning Wednesday. Among others who have already come are the vice foreign ministers of Cuba and Vietnam.

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is expected here next weekend to attend the foreign ministers conference commemorating the 20th anniversary of the nonaligned movement. Waldheim will address the conference Feb. 11, a U.N. spokesman announced in New York Monday.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja said in Jakarta Tuesday he will attend the ministerial meeting of nonaligned nations. He said the meeting will discuss the Kampuchean problem, the Middle East and the role of nonalignment. He said the meeting will lay the groundwork for the summit meeting of nonaligned nations in Baghdad later this year.

In an interview published by the official Cuban newspaper, The Daily Granma, Cuban Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Jose Viera said: "The United States and its allies refuse to recognize that their hegemony over the lives of the people of the Third World has come to an end." Since 1978 the U.S. had carried out activities which hindered detente and brought the world to the situation in which it found itself today, he added.

Viera said the nonaligned foreign ministers' conference in New Delhi next week would stress "the intensification of efforts to avoid the dangers of a conflagration and to

achieve world peace." Cuban President Fidel Castro is the current head of the movement.

In an apparent reference to the war between Iran and Iraq, Viera said "unfortunate conflicts" had taken place within the movement between nations whose real enemies were not their neighbors but the former colonial powers. Viera said issues to be discussed at the New Delhi meeting will include U.S. military presence in the Indian Ocean, South African aggression against the "frontline states," solidarity with the national liberation movements of southern Africa, support for the Palestinian people and recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as their only legitimate representative.

Other points will be the threat of intervention in Latin America, condemnation of the U.S. economic embargo on Cuba and backing for immediate U.S. withdrawal from the Guantanamo naval base on Cuba, he added.

Meanwhile, the United News of India (UNI) reported Monday that the Soviet Union wants to press ahead with an international conference on the Indian Ocean region despite what it called "American opposition." Quoting informed sources, UNI said Lev Mendelovich, the chief Soviet negotiator in talks on the issue with the United States, reportedly told Indian officials that the Russians want the conference to be held "soon," although the U.S. first wants a "harmonization" of the views of important littoral nations and the super powers on strategic issues.

"The Soviet Union seems to be prepared to even discuss at this conference its intervention in Afghanistan and the military facilities (of) the superpowers in the ocean," the news agency said. The conference is scheduled later this year in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Mendelovich departed for home Monday after a 10-day visit to India and Sri Lanka.

Resistance to Vietnamese forces gains momentum

By Edward Thangarajah Arab News correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 3 — The Kampuchean resistance to Vietnamese occupation of their country has gained greater momentum with the announcement Monday that one time Prime Minister Son Sann will soon replace Khieu Samphan as head of the ousted government, known as Democratic Kampuchea. Sann is expected to take charge soon. Other Khmer Rouge leaders will leave their jungle resistance camps and live in exile in China.

The move has been hailed as an excellent step to muster strong opposition against the Vietnamese forces which are occupying Kampuchea. Many did not want to support Samphan because of the alleged atrocities committed by his regime.

Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang greeted the news saying, "This is the best that could happen to Kampuchea. We will support their efforts to redeem the country. In fact, it is the

wish of all freedom lovers that Kampuchea is returned to its people."

The strength of the freedom fighting forces in Kampuchea is estimated at 40,000 and all are armed. They are fighting against some 20 Vietnamese divisions who are to control of strategic positions keeping their man, Heng Samrin, in power. Meanwhile, Thailand with support from China and Japan is planning to hold an international conference in an effort to force Vietnam out of Kampuchea.

The Bangkok Post said Sann, leader of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), would serve as both premier and foreign minister in a bid to halt any Hanoi headway toward gaining international recognition of its handpicked client government in Phnom Penh. He would travel abroad and speak at the United Nations General Assembly in the name of Democratic Kampuchea, the official name of the ousted Khmer Rouge regime, the paper said.

Strikes, riots rock India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (AP) — Indian railroad authorities Monday dismissed 25 locomotive drivers and arrested 110 on the fifth day of their partially crippling strike for higher wages, news reports said. The authorities also announced the deployment of the Railway Territorial Army (RTA) to guard trains and patrol tracks following reports that saboteurs removed "fishplates," fastening rails, at two places, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

The agency said two union leaders were arrested under a new preventive detention law that allows the government to imprison anybody without charges for up to a year. Nearly 60 strikes were arrested Sunday. The Indian Railway Ministry has described the strike as "illegal" and warned that locomotive drivers who absent themselves from work would be summarily dismissed. Several freight and passenger trains were cancelled Monday in central and eastern India because of the strike, reports said.

Police teargassed hundreds of rioting

youths Monday who set fire to several buses and shops and hurled rocks and bricks at policemen in the states of Gujarat and West Bengal, UNI reported. Nearly 500 people were arrested on rioting charges in the two states.

In Gujarat, western India, students are demanding the reopening of medical colleges, which last week were ordered closed for six months following an agitation against reservation of college seats for "untouchables" or Hindu outcasts, and members of India's tribal communities. Authorities Monday reimposed a round-the-clock curfew in parts of the state capital of Ahmedabad after large scale rioting and arson. The curfew, clamped last Wednesday, had been lifted Monday morning.

In West Bengal, ruled by a Marxist-led coalition, at least three buses and four trams were set ablaze by youths, UNI reported. Local political activists have been blockading roads in Calcutta and other cities in the eastern state for a week to protest a 15 per cent increase in bus and tram fares.

Two universities closed in Nigeria

LAGOS, Feb. 3 (AP) — Nigerian authorities have closed two universities in the predominantly Muslim north of the country, one because of violent demonstrations among students, the other because of "tension on campus," the official news agency of Nigeria reported Monday.

The universities are at Zaria and Kano, about 90 miles apart. Kano was the scene last month of religious rioting that some Western reports said left at least 1,000 and possibly many more people dead. But the government-controlled agency gave no indication Monday whether the trouble at Ahmadu Bello University at Zaria and Bayero University at Kano was in any way connected with last month's rioting.

It said Ahmadu Bello University was ordered closed indefinitely last weekend following violent demonstrations by students there. It said the closure notice came after an

emergency meeting of the ruling senate of the university, which had given the students less than an hour to vacate their university hostels.

It said the closure of Bayero University followed disagreement between the council of the students' union and university authorities over union members expelled from the university. It quoted a statement by Bayero University's governing council that the university was closed "because of the tension on campus."

The agency added, however, that the Bayero students' union had described the closure as "rash" because there had been no violence to warrant it. The agency quoted the union as saying that a letter the union wrote to the university council stating it was unable to ensure peace if the fate of some of its recently expelled members was not made known had been "misunderstood" and was subsequently withdrawn.

Salvador withdraws diplomats from Nicaragua

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — El Salvador has withdrawn diplomats from its embassy in Nicaragua and Foreign Minister Fidel Chavez Mena said evidence was being gathered to accuse Nicaragua of aiding left-wing guerrillas.

The guerrillas have been fighting to overthrow the United States-backed civilian-military junta and charges have been laid that they have received arms and support from nearby Nicaragua where a rightwing dictatorship was deposed in 1979.

Chavez Mena said the embassy closure did not mean a break in diplomatic relations with Nicaragua but said the charges that Nicaragua was interfering in Salvadorean affairs would be formally made once the evidence was gathered.

Two weeks ago El Salvador's ambassador in Managua, Roberto Castellanos Figueroa, resigned and said he was joining the

insurgents. Salvadorean interests in Nicaragua will be looked after by a friendly diplomatic mission which Chavez Mena declined to name.

In another development, bombings of two power plants cut off San Salvador's electricity supply for six hours Monday, and leftist guerrillas burned gasoline storage tanks of a U.S. Corporation. Nine clashes between rebels and army patrols took place east of San Salvador, officials said they did not specify the number of casualties.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Farabundo Marti Front for National Liberation (FMLN) said in an interview that the administration of ex-President Jimmy Carter had initiated contacts with El Salvador's rebels.

Spokesman Victor Guerrero was quoted as saying that Washington has since broken off discussions, a mistake that might result in "repetition of the Vietnam conflict in central America."

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Third World borrowers get little relief

By Lindsay Vincent

LONDON — The Spanish-Chinese banker beckoned the waiter to his poolside table at the swanky Manila polo club, ordered a round and confided: "President Marcos was pretty smart. We had a boom in gold and lumber prices and on the strength of that went out and borrowed as much money as we could. Sure we gonna have big problems paying it back but it was good thinking."

That was four years ago. Today that policy doesn't look so smart. Soaring interest rates and oil prices have placed an awesome burden on the Philippines' economy, and there could well be a crunch when certain loans mature in about two years.

The Philippines is not alone. It is one of the 12 leading borrowing countries in the non-oil producing Third World which 10 years ago paid an annual interest of only \$1.1 billion on their external debt. Last year the figure was \$16 billion. Or put another way, 10 years ago these 12 countries paid the equivalent of less than 6 per cent of their export earnings to service debt. By the end of 1981, according to Morgan Guaranty of New York, the figure will have rocketed to 20 per cent.

"The end of cheap energy now is joined by the end of cheap money," says Morgan, noting that the average interest paid by these countries was only 3.2 per cent ten years ago and nearly 9 per cent last year.

What has meant misery for millions in the Third World has been undeniably good for the bankers. The amount borrowed last year from commercial banks by the 12 developing countries — Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, South Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, Ivory Coast and Turkey — represented nearly 100 per cent of their total exports against 40 per cent in 1973. Their total external debts, including International Monetary Fund finance, has hovered around 160 per cent of exports for most of the period.

But the banks are now reluctant to increase their exposure. Last month's talks in London between members of the Turkish government and their commercial bankers over the possible rescheduling of more than \$3 billion of debt explains why: Turkey could well be followed by other countries unable to meet their commitments to the banks.

Meanwhile, although U.S. interest rates were widely expected to fall in the first half of this year, the Third World borrowers will feel little relief and are overall expected to pay even higher interest rates this year. "The average interest paid by the LDC's in 1980 from the banking market was 14 per cent," said one banker. "This year it will be higher. So their lot will be even more wretched."



The Third Islamic Summit (II)

Resolutions reaffirm support for Palestinian rights

(Editor's note: Following is the second of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By A Special Correspondent

JEDDAH — The Third Islamic Summit adopted several resolutions in the political field pertaining to such diverse questions as Jerusalem and the issue of Palestine and the Middle East, the situation in Afghanistan, Islamic solidarity, problems of the Sahel region, question of the Comorian island of Mayotte, Eritrea, and on the Horn of Africa. The Iran-Iraq conflict was also discussed but no formal resolution could be adopted in the absence of one of the parties to the dispute, namely Iran.

While all these issues have kept the Islamic leaders occupied for some time and have implications on global peace and stability, it appears that the outstanding questions which figured most in the discussions pertained to the Palestinian problem and the situation in the Middle East. Indeed, the summit itself was officially described as the "Al Quds and Palestine session," and helped reaffirm the Islamic and Arab position emphatically and unequivocally on these burning issues which have kept the Organization of Islamic Conference busy since its establishment in 1969. In another gesture of Muslim solidarity with the Palestinian cause, the PLO leader Yasser Arafat was elected as one of the vice chairmen of the summit.

The first resolution adopted in the political field concerning "Islamic Program of Action against the Zionist enemy" was an endorsement of the recommendations drawn up by the Jerusalem Committee. The Jerusalem Committee, it may be recalled, had been elevated to ministerial level in 1979. It is headed by King Hassan II of Morocco and consists of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran, Libya, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Senegal, Sudan, Syria and the PLO. At its fourth and most recent session in December, 1980, the committee worked out a program of action covering the political, economic

and military fields to contend with the Zionist entity.

The related resolution on the "cause of Palestine and the Middle East" retraces the principles and objectives of the OIC Charter and the Charter of the United Nations, recalls the resolutions on the subject adopted by the First and Second Islamic Summits, expresses concern over the deteriorating situation in the Middle East in view of Israel's persistence in its aggressive, colonialist and racist policies and its refusal to withdraw from the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories, and the necessity for Islamic states to take firm and practical measures to counter the Zionist enemy's continued aggression and violations.

The thrust of the two resolutions on Al Quds (Jerusalem) and on the Palestine cause and the Middle East may be summarized as follows:

- (i) Affirmation of the Islamic states' commitment to liberate Arab Jerusalem so that it becomes part of the independent Palestinian state;
- (ii) Affirming that no infringement on the Arab sovereignty over Holy Jerusalem can be acceptable;
- (iii) Rejection of a political settlement of the Palestine problem and the Arab-Israel conflict that does not guarantee the restoration of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to establish an independent Palestinian state under the leadership of the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people;
- (iv) Stressing the inadmissibility of any unilateral action by any Arab party seeking a solution of the Zionist-Arab conflict in general and the Palestinian issue in particular;
- (v) Rejection of the Camp David accord and the ensuing results of this agreement.

The two resolutions thus, seek to reaffirm that the Palestinian question is at the heart of the Middle East problem and that any attempt to seek a solution and work for a just peace in the region has to be based on the total and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from all occupied Palestinian and Arab territories and the restoration of the inalienable national rights of the Palestinian people. The resolutions also seek to point out that the U.N. Security

Council Resolution 242 does not provide sound basis for resolving this problem.

The summit called on all states to implement the United Nations resolutions on the Middle East and Palestine by refraining from dealing with the Israeli occupation authorities and from any acts that could be construed by Israel as condoning its declaration that Jerusalem is the unified capital of Israel.

The summit also resolved that it was time that sanctions be applied against Israel as stipulated in the U.N. Charter because it had been persisting in violations of the U.N. Charter and implementation of the U.N. resolutions.

The resolutions emphatically reaffirmed the commitment of OIC member states to oppose by all available means the occupation of Israel to annex Holy Jerusalem and declare it as its capital. It was also agreed to apply political and economic boycott against any state that recognizes this Israeli decision or moves its embassy to Holy Jerusalem.

The summit invited the member states of the European Community to implement their pledge to refrain from extending the effect of their bilateral and multilateral economic agreements with Israel to the occupied Palestinian and Arab territories. It further stressed the need to strengthen the Jerusalem Fund (operating for the past five years or so to assist Palestinians in occupied territories) to meet the necessary and urgent requirements to support the resistance and struggle of the Palestinian people.

Finally, the summit called for psychological mobilization of all Islamic countries, through their various official, semi-official and popular mass media, of their peoples for "Jihad" to liberate Jerusalem. This was a reiteration of Crown Prince Fahd's call made sometime back and which had drawn strong support from Islamic leaders.

Besides the foregoing action envisaged in the political field, the program of action on Jerusalem and the Palestinian cause envisages measures in the economic and military fields as follows:

1. Utilization of all Islamic economic potentialities and natural resources in a well-oriented and studied

manner for the following objectives:

- a) weakening Israeli economy;
- b) halting the political, economic and financial support to Israel;
- c) enhancing the resistance of the front-line states and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the various fields;
- d) bringing about changes in the political positions of states in favor of the Palestinian cause and enabling the Palestinian people to recover their inalienable national rights;
- e) exerting efforts to transform neutral, international attitude into friendly ones, and transforming hostile attitude into neutral and friendly ones.

2. Adopting measures to set up an Islamic office for the boycott of Israel, pursuant to relevant resolutions of the Islamic conference, and ensuring coordination between such an office and the main office for boycott of Israel within the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States.
3. Adopting a stiffer stand as regards legislation enacted in the United States and other countries to counteract the boycott, as well as dissuading other countries from adopting such legislation.

In the military field:

1. Exerting efforts to ensure a strategic military balance with the Zionist entity.
2. Military coordination among the front-line states and the PLO, on the one hand, and the Islamic states on the other, to ensure full utilization of the potentialities of the Islamic states in the service of the military effort; and setting up a military office in the Islamic Secretariat to be responsible for such coordination, in agreement with the Committee on Al-Quds.
3. Meeting the requirements of the PLO as regards military expertise and equipment, both qualitatively and quantitatively, and conducting bilateral contacts between the PLO and all Islamic countries to ensure the implementation of the above.

The OIC member states thus left no ambiguity with regard to their common stand on the fundamental questions of Jerusalem, Palestine and the Middle East. The message was loud and clear — the Camp David accord was unacceptable as the basis of framework for a solution; there would be no separate or partial solutions to these issues; any state condoning the illegal policies of Israel with respect to Jerusalem and the occupied territories should be prepared to face the boycott of the Muslim world; and that if need be the Islamic states were ready to wage a holy war with all its implications as far as these issues were concerned. In short, the Third Islamic Summit has come out with renewed and more vigorous support for the PLO in the political, economic and military fields.

(To Be Continued)

Letter to the editor

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Editor's Note: The program will soon appear in Arab News.

BACK TO COLD WAR!

Western European observers emerged from the first press conference given by ex-General Haig with the impression that there is no "ex" about the man, that the new U.S. secretary of state appears to treat his new job as simply another military posting, with all that this implies to the rest of the world.

The new secretary was nothing if not clear in his reading of the international situation. The world, for him, is a simple affair of "us" and "them," the free world and the Soviet bloc — and anything which does not fall really into such a schema, such as the North-South dialogue will be given very low priority.

America's European allies are distinctly uneasy at the sentiments voiced by members of the new U.S. administration, of which those of Haig were by no means the harshest. The Europeans are worried that there is here more than the expected Republican headline on foreign policy: to their ears it sounds as if the days of John Foster Dallas, of the cold war at its most frigid, are back.

This is bound to entail, as far as Europe is concerned, renewed American pressure on the NATO members to raise their military potential, which is the last thing the Europeans want to do at the moment when the worst of the economic recession is still to come.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Tuesday's newspapers mostly led with the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard. He informed the council about King Khalid's concern for the implementation of the summit resolutions. In a lead story *Al Riyadh* reported that King Gustav of Sweden and Pakistan Interior Minister Mahmud Haroon would visit the Kingdom next month. The meeting of the Arab foreign ministers of the Gulf, due to take place in Riyadh Wednesday, formed the lead story in *Al-Yom* while *Al-Jazirah* gave lead prominence to the Kuwaiti foreign minister's statement, in which he said, "We shall reach an advanced formula of coordination in the Riyadh meeting."

Newspapers gave front-page highlight to Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani's interview with the Voice of America, in which he declared that the Kingdom's relations with the U.S. were good and Saudi Arabia feels confident that the U.S. view on the situation in the region will be more positive. In a prominent front-page cover-up, *Al-Bilad* quoted a Lebanese official spokesman as saying Israel is making another attempt to invade South Lebanon to eliminate the joint Palestinian and Lebanese forces stationed in the south.

Newspaper editorials concentrated on the Israeli campaign against Saudi Arabia which assessed the Kingdom as being "extremist and anti-Semitist." They also dealt with the new stance of the U.S. administration on peace in the Middle East, hoping

that President Reagan would freeze the issue until he has studied the whole case. *Al-Madina* noted that it is only natural for the Zionists to launch a campaign against the Kingdom, adding that the Jews have never hidden their hostility toward Arabs and Muslims. It is a result of this hostility that they occupied Palestine and still refuse to acknowledge the Palestinian entity. Their sacrilege of Holy Jerusalem and other Islamic shrines is additional evidence of their anti-Arab and anti-Islamic nature, the paper said.

Commenting about the U.S. stance on the Middle East, *Al-Riyadh* said the U.S. president seems to be trying to be temporarily away from the situation until the Arab picture becomes clear to him and he also sees the reaction of Europe to the resolutions of the Islamic summit conference. The paper added that Israel's deteriorating political and economic situation would not affect the American move, since it is clear that Washington does not deal with Israel but, in fact, with the Zionist lobby in the U.S.

Okaz held the hope that the new U.S. administration would have an opportunity to review the method of its dealing with the Middle East problem. It reaffirmed that the adoption of a just and fair concept by the U.S. would be basically linked to several assessments of U.S.-Israeli relations, the U.S. interests in the Middle East and a just peace in the region. The paper, however, made it clear that no dealing would be possible under the Camp David impact, especially as the Arab and Islamic worlds

have insisted and would continue to insist on the realization of a just peace that guarantees the restoration of Palestinian rights and the solution to the problem of Jerusalem.

In an editorial, *Al-Bilad* noted that Saudi Arabia's great concern for Arab and Islamic issues has given them a new dimension. It said that Holland's stance on the Middle East issue is expected to leave a positive impact on the European community, and would help in thwarting the efforts of the hostile forces to obstruct the development of the Arab and Islamic force.

On the other hand, *Al-Yom* discussed the issue of Gulf security, saying the Gulf has assumed the characteristic of a single state with common goals. The paper added that the states of the Gulf are capable of defending themselves and their resources for the greater good of whole humanity. While these states are not interested in blocs or alliances, they are certainly keen on reinforcing their solidarity and cooperation so they are able to safeguard their independence and security.

Referring to King Khalid's concern for the implementation of the Islamic summit resolutions, *Al-Nadwa* stressed the need for urgent implementation so that the Arab and Islamic nation is able to rectify its situation. Palestine and Jerusalem are issues that cannot afford to bear procrastination, as it would allow the enemy ample opportunity to grab more Arab land, and build additional settlements for the Jewish immigrants.



Peres: "Yes, I'm against 'settlements' but I'd have no objection to building 'colonies'!"

مستعمرات

Even deadly snakes don't scare him

By Leon Dash
The Washington Post

MONROVIA, (Liberia) — The seven-foot cobra streaked through the narrow alley left by the slightly raised lid as Charles (Charlie) Miller tried to refill its water bowl. The cobra slithered around the jumble of cans filled with snakes and white rats, used momentarily under a long box, then sped through a hole in the lattice design of

poisonous snake bites — five of them nearly fatal — Charlie Miller, known around Monrovia as "Charlie the snake man," has been fascinated by snakes and other reptiles. Here in the tropical West African country of Liberia, Miller, who grew up in Smithtown, New York, is able to indulge himself with a household menagerie of snakes, turtles, large black scorpions and two front-yard pens of ten crocodiles.

Miller is also intrigued by Liberia's many

Every Sunday at 3 p.m., Miller gives a free snake show at his house on the outskirts of Monrovia. Miller said he hopes to build up enough interest on the part of the Liberian Government that they will finance construction of a reptilian zoo.

At the moment, Miller makes a steady income by shipping dried snake venom from his 25-odd poisonous snakes to laboratories in West Germany, France and the United States. "There is a lot of research going on around the use of snake venom" in the treatment of blood diseases, lowering hypertension and as a painkiller for cancer patients, according to Miller. He also collects and sells old African art pieces, itself a lucrative pastime.

One wonders, however, whether the venom research and the African art sales are just covers for Miller's eccentric pleasure at being around snakes — his living room is full of them — and not wanting people to look at him askance. "Yeah, I guess you could say that," Miller stoically answered. He also raises white rats to feed his snakes.

"I believe my fate is tied up with snakes," he added. "I'm also very comfortable here in Liberia, more so than in the United States, which I find boring."

Snakes have been unjustly persecuted in western societies, added Miller indignantly, a circumstance, he believes, grew out of the Bible story about the relationship among Adam and Eve and a snake in the Garden of Eden.

"The West Africans are unlike Westerners and have tremendous respect for snakes, and so do I," said Miller.

Miller was born in New York City but moved to Smithtown when he was a young child. He recalls seeing his first snake at age 4 one Sunday morning in the backyard while en route to church. When he returned later, Miller said, he was greatly disappointed that the snake had disappeared.

At the end of his junior year in high school, at 17, Miller won a summer internship at the Pateur Institute in Paris, he said, for a paper he did on the behavior patterns of a Pakistan lizard.

That summer at the institute was the first time Miller handled poisonous snakes.

"I worked on venom extraction and it was a great experience for me," he said.

While studying the behavior of lower primates in Cameroon before getting his degree in anthropology from Yale in 1974, Miller said he joined the Secret Abasiom Witch-Hunting Society, well-known in West Africa, and rose to the top level of fourth-rank initiates on the basis of ritual tests. The tests include numerous razor cuts on the body, followed by herbal medicine rubbed into the cuts and hallucinogenic eyedrops made from a particular tree's bark.

"I flunked the cuts test the first time because I vomited at the sight of my blood," recalled Miller.

A Cameroonian, Sylvester Acha, taught Miller how to handle poisonous snakes without fear, he said.

Through constant contact and blanking out his mind to the danger, Miller said he learned from Acha how to move differently when handling poisonous snakes "without jerky, sudden movements of a frightened person."

Snake handlers "pick up snakes at the center of their bodies so they don't feel threatened," he continued. In 1977, Miller came to Liberia to set up his snake venom business and pursue an additional interest in ethnozoology, which is the study of the relationship of humans to animals in connection with this country's snake societies.

"Each of Liberia's (16 major) ethnic groups," said Miller, "has its own snake society."

Each of the societies is divided into sections. One section of the people's snake society, called the Bakona, "punishes people for violations of social taboos, such as adultery," said Miller. "I believe they can send snakes to bite people, and actually do."

Dogs and cats' menace in Paris

PARIS, (AFP) — With about 17 million of the beasts on its hands, France is rapidly going to the dogs (and cats), the French Society for the Protection of Animals (SPA) has said here in launching a campaign to sterilize pets.

France is one of the top pet-owning countries and, in Paris, one of every two households possesses at least one animal. The phenomenon has left numerous traces, particularly on the capital's sidewalks.

City hall campaigned with little success to persuade animal owners to teach their beasts to patronize the gutters. The owners can be fined for their animals' misdemeanors. Many proprietors of homes and apartments have inserted clauses in rental contracts barring pets on their premises. But the stipulations are seldom, if ever, enforced.

If the pet populations continue to grow at the present rate, the SPA warned that the country will have 25 million in its cities by the year 2000. The society urged owners to sterilize their pets to cut down on the growth.

The society also reported that it "rescues" about 200,000 dogs and 150,000 cats that are abandoned by their owners each year. Many families stray their pets before going on vacation, since they cannot take the animals with them and do not want to pay kennel charges.

Such behavior has been frequently denounced by Pierre Micaux, a parliament deputy, who has been named animal protection delegate but is more familiarly known as "Monsieur Animaux." He is preparing a "charter" for animals dealing with their role in modern society, including their use as subjects in laboratory experiments.

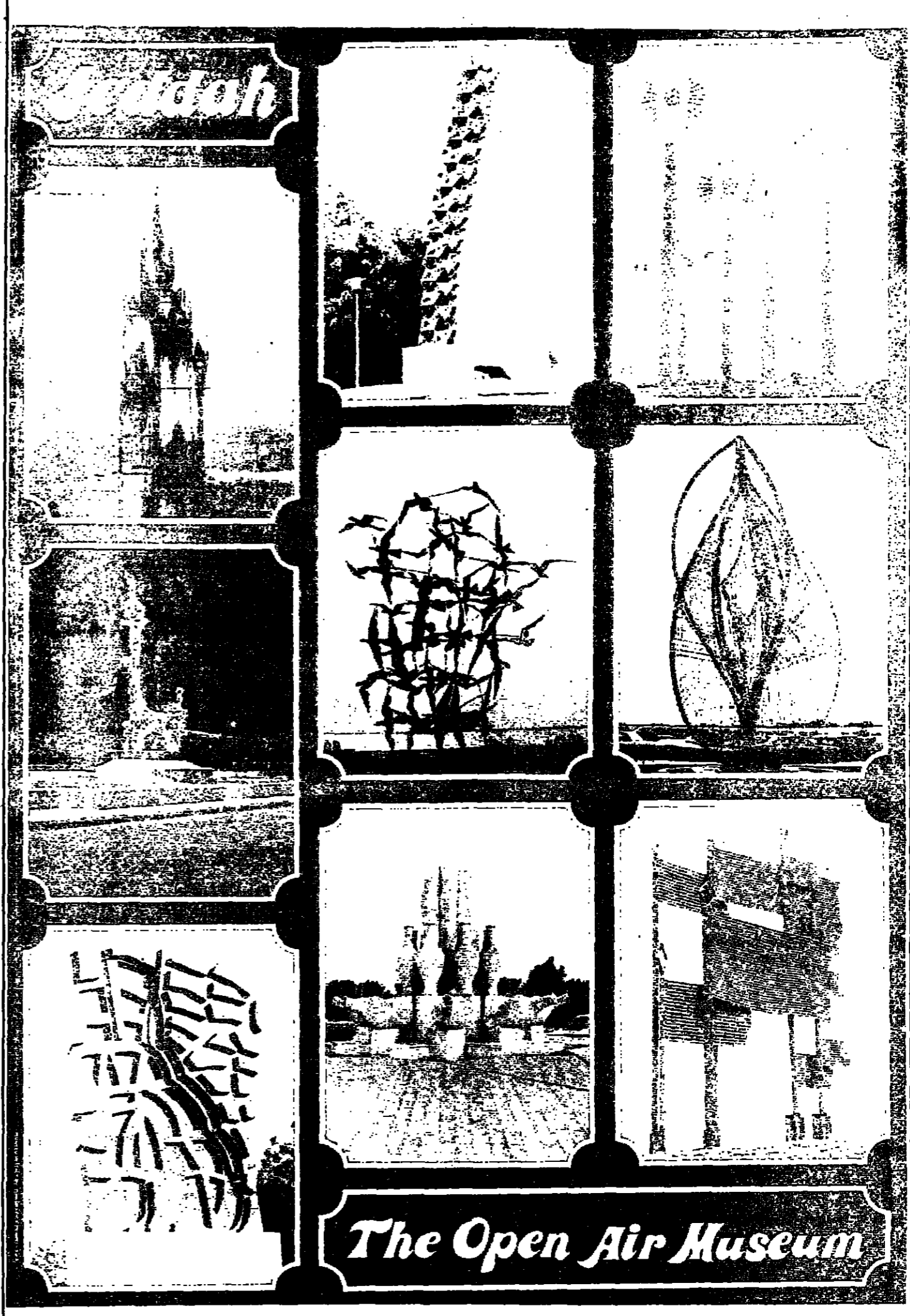


FRIGHTENED: Even courageous men are frightened at the very sight of snakes. But Charles (Charlie) Miller is not. He loves them and keeps them in his home. Photo shows some of the diamond back rattlesnakes found commonly in the United States.

concrete porch wall. It then whipped rough the grass stubble heading for a clump dense brush. The round Miller jumped over the porch pursuit, snared it by the tail and yanked it out of the bushes. Angry now, the cobra tried strike Miller who jerked the snake like a up to keep its head down. "That's the second time he's done that," said a red-faced and huffing Miller as the cobra gradually settled down. "He's a real snake."

traditional snake societies whose members reputedly have special occult powers, specialize in treating snake bites and use snakes to entertain people. But they also play bites and use snakes to entertain people. But they also play sinister social roles, said Miller. A person's spirit can "leave his body and enter the body of a snake," claimed Miller, a Yale University graduate. "I believe that it can happen and that some of them transform themselves into snakes and send snakes after people. It is a (punitive) social control mechanism."

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The Open Air Museum

OPEN AIR MUSEUM: The Jeddah Municipality has begun distributing calendars that show various monuments in and around Jeddah. The calendars include 40cm x 60cm pictures, taken by local photographer Khalid Khidir, which are suitable for framing after the month is over. Mayor Muhammad Farsi had the calendars distributed at the recent Islamic Summit in Taif so that delegates would have an idea of the Islamic and Arabic monuments and designs in the Kingdom.

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Iraq sets conditions to resume oil pumping

BAGHDAD, Feb. 3 (R) — Iraq wants a commitment from Damascus that it will not supply refined oil products to Iran before it resumes pumping oil through a pipeline across Syria. Arab diplomatic sources here said.

The sources said Monday that Baghdad also wanted a firm agreement on transit rates to be paid to the Syrians before recognizing the line to the Mediterranean port of Baniyas.

Failure to reach agreement is preventing Iraq from roughly doubling its oil exports to the world market from an average of 500,000 barrels per day (BPD), which diplomats believe is the present level.

Iraq's Gulf oil terminals, Mina Al-Bahr and Khir Al-Amud, were closed after being attacked early in the war with Iran, forcing Iraq to close two pipelines to the Mediterranean.

one, one across Turkey and the other across Syria. Diplomats said Iranian raids on the Kirkuk oilfields interrupted pumping in December. Pumping has resumed across Turkey, but not through the Syrian link, they said.

The sources said Iraq required Syrian assurances that refined oil products would not be supplied to Iraq whose highest refinery in Abadan, Khuzistan province, was wrecked in the war.

The relations between Iraq and Syria deteriorated following Damascus criticizing Iraq over the Gulf war. Iraq closed its embassy in Syria, saying Damascus was helping Iran.

The sources also said Iraq was selling oil to France at \$34 a barrel compared to its official price of \$36.

Russia cutting oil sale to West

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP) — The Soviet Union is slashing crude oil sales to some western European countries by as much as 15 per cent to 30 per cent, while raising prices sharply, a trade newsletter has said.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said Monday some of the crude apparently is being diverted to India, Brazil and other developing nations, where "there is political goodwill to be gained" after the countries lost oil supplies from Iran and Iraq.

The respected newsletter said other shipments are being earmarked for Russia's Communist bloc allies, who receive 1.6 million barrels of oil daily — or 15 per cent of the Soviet oil production.

According to the newsletter, Russia, the world's largest oil producer, raised its price for some oil delivered to Mediterranean ports by \$4.86 to \$39 a barrel, an increase well above the average three-dollar-a-barrel hike imposed recently by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly said Italy apparently was hardest hit by the Soviet moves, losing "almost one-third" of the approximately 100,000 barrels of oil it

received daily in 1980. Italy last year lost nearly 200,000 barrels a day of Iraqi oil supplies because of the Gulf country's war with Iran. Italy's state-owned oil company, Agip, has lost about 25 per cent of its 1980 level of 80,000 barrels a day.

France was not as severely affected as Italy, receiving a 2.5 per cent cut in supplies — to 117,500 barrels a day — at a price of "a bit under \$38.50 a barrel," the newsletter said. India, meanwhile, will see its Russian oil supplies boosted 30 per cent to 100,000 barrels daily, the publication said.

The Central Intelligence Agency says Russia provided western Europe with one million barrels of oil a day or about seven per cent of the region's oil needs, in 1978, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

The United States receives minimal quantities of Soviet oil, and the energy department had no immediate comment on the newsletter's report. Russia's 1980 oil output of 12.1 million barrels of oil a day fell slightly short of the government target. Production is slated to rise to 12.3 million barrels a day in 1981, although some industry analysts have expressed doubts the goal can be reached.

OAPEC states urged to boost other sources

BEIRUT, Feb. 3 (AP) — The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries in a bulletin issued Monday has urged oil producing Arab countries to use their surplus revenue for promoting alternative energy sources to cope with the post-oil era, the Kuwait News Agency reported.

The agency, carried excerpts of the OAPEC bulletin which appealed to the Arab nations to take advantage of a "historic opportunity" to cooperate in alleviating the dangers to oil producers, which may arise in the post-oil era.

OAPEC warned the Arabs not to ignore the search by industrialized nations for technological alternatives to oil.

"It is of paramount importance to take this trend into consideration, otherwise an era of monopoly in technology will accompany the oil shortage," the bulletin warned.

It added that such assistance by Arab oil producers would be short-lived due to their dwindling oil supplies. It said the increase in oil consumption in the Arab world and the decrease in oil reserves gives little time for such research.

OAPEC appealed to its members to help non-oil-producing nations to achieve self-sufficiency and explore their own domestic energy potentials.

U.K. to ask Japan to cut car sales

LONDON, Feb. 3 (AFP) — The British automobile industry will ask Japanese automakers to slash their car sales in Britain this year by as much as a third compared with 1980, well-informed sources here said here.

The sources said the British request for voluntary restraint will be made at the annual meeting of car manufacturers from countries that will open Wednesday in Lisbon.

The Japanese had committed themselves in recent years to hold down their sales of cars in Britain to a "prudent" level — about 10 or 11 per cent of the market here.

But British automakers say the Japanese did not keep their word last year and let their share of the British car market rise to 11.9 per cent, explaining that they had overestimated world demand for their vehicles.

Automobile producers here are not impressed by the argument, having been forced by slumping sales to cut back production and close factories at times all but one or two days, a week.

They are especially worried that the Japanese auto "invasion" will be augmented this fall by the development of a car through the joint efforts of British Leyland and Nissan.

The sources said the British industry plans to ask the Japanese to limit their sales here to nine per cent of the market to make up for their failure to curb exports last year.

Libya may curtail oil production

PARIS, Feb. 3 (AP) — Libya plans to reduce oil production progressively from the current 1.7 million barrels daily to 1.43 million by 1985, a drop of 15.3 per cent, the Arab Oil and Gas Bulletin reported Monday.

The Paris-based publication said the cut is included in Libya's new five-year development plan for 1981 through 1985.

Under the new plan, priority will be given to industry which will receive 21.6 per cent of expenditure allocations.

Reagan aides reach accord on proposed aid reduction

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (R) — The state department has said that Reagan administration officials had reached common ground on some very careful cuts in foreign aid that would not harm U.S. interests abroad.

Discussions were held over the weekend and "some common ground was established" between the White House office of management and budget (OMB) and the state department, spokesman William Dyess said.

The department would press a detailed position on the aid controversy in the next few days, and he predicted it would work out a compromise with the office of management and budget.

He said an OMB report calling for deep cuts in aid, which brought strong objections from other major aid donor countries and some members of Congress when it was leaked to the press last week, "was not definitive."

The report proposed that former President Carter's aid budget be slashed from \$6 billion to about \$5.2 billion this year and from \$8 billion to \$5.4 billion in the financial year that begins next Oct. 1.

Dyess said there was agreement that in a period of financial austerity, foreign aid would have to absorb some cuts along with other government programs, but that "these cuts (would) be made carefully and in a manner which does not detract from our ability to meet our international interests."

The United States had important foreign policy and security objectives that could more easily be met with adequate levels of aid, he added. Earlier, administration officials said they expected President Reagan to

make a decision on aid levels in a week or so.

Meanwhile, state department officials said, it was premature to talk in terms of a victory for Secretary of State Alexander Haig or David Stockman, the office of management and budget director.

But they said Haig had succeeded in heading off an apparent effort by Stockman to present him with drastic reductions in the aid budget as an accomplished fact.

Meanwhile, United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Monday he hoped proposed massive cuts in U.S. foreign aid would not hurt the world body's humanitarian and peace-strengthening programs.

Waldheim already has discussed the subject with Jeane Kirkpatrick, the new U.S. chief delegate to the United Nations, a U.N. statement said. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who has yet to present her credentials in the U.N., was guest at a private dinner the secretary-general gave at his residence last Thursday night.

Noting that it will be some time before final appropriations are approved, Waldheim's statement said he "naturally very much hopes no action will be taken which would adversely affect the ability of the various international agencies concerned to continue to carry out their important programs in a wide variety of areas dedicated to improving the human condition and strengthening of international peace and security."

Last Friday, another top U.N. official saw fit to remind Washington that "continued progress in developing countries is also vital to strengthen the world economy on which all industrialized countries depend."

Chrysler pact endorsed by workers' union

DETROIT, Feb. 3 (AP) — United Workers Union members voted by a two-to-one margin to ratify a contract concession to struggling Chrysler Corp. that will trim a 13 per cent pay cut, the union announced.

UAW vice-president Mark Stepp, charge of the union's affairs, said Monday 26,942 members voted for the third round concessions and 18,859 voted against, ending the way for the company to receive \$1 million in U.S. government loan guarantee Chrysler's lenders approve sacrifices asked them.

Meanwhile, Canadian government officials were reported over the weekend to be considering a new proposal from Chrysler aimed at salvaging up to \$170 million in Canadian guarantee loans for the troubled automaker.

A delegation headed by M.J. Kloss, president of Chrysler Canada Ltd., met Monday with Minister Herb Gray in Ottawa Friday night.

Kuwait, Seoul renew accord

KUWAIT, Feb. 3 (R) — Kuwait agreed to sell South Korea 100,000 barrels per day (BPD) of crude oil during the starting April 1, official Kuwait News Agency said.

The agency said Monday Kuwaiti Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah and South Korea Energy Minister Park Bo-Hwan agreed to renew Seoul's present year contract for 100,000 BPD, which runs out on March 31.

The agency said the ministers would sign the new contract Tuesday. It did not say a price South Korea would pay for the Kuwait's official oil price is \$35.50 a barrel but it charges some customers \$5 to \$6.50 barrel more than this.

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To win Crosby Golf title

Cook pips five-man field in sudden-death

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 3 (AP) — John Cook, a 23-year-old second-year pro, survived the first five-man sudden-death playoff in modern golf history and won the storm-plagued Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Monday.

Cook, a former national amateur champion, turned back two-time U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw, Bob Clampett and Barney Thompson with a critical par on the third extra hole.

That was at Pebble Beach, where Cook had won the Northern California Amateur title in 1975 as a teen-ager. He'd played his third and final round of 18 holes at Spyglass Hill, the longest and toughest of the three courses used for this event.

Cook, with a closing round of par 72 — interrupted briefly when his amateur partner actor James Garner was involved in a shoving match with a boisterous spectator — finished with a 209 for 54 holes of the tournament, which finished a day late and 18 holes short because of heavy rains last week.

But that figure, 7-under-par, was only to place him in the playoff, which shifted some five miles (8 km) down the Monterey Peninsula coast to Pebble Beach.

Cook holed a 10-foot (3 meters) birdie putt on the first extra hole and Irwin scored from four feet (1 m). Thompson bogeyed after missing the green. Clampett missed a 12-foot (3 m) birdie putt and Crenshaw, who had missed the green, chipped on but didn't putt out after Cook had made his birdie. That eliminated Clampett, Thompson and Crenshaw.

Cook and Irwin went to the second hole, a par-5, and Cook scored a routine par. Irwin had a birdie opportunity from about four feet (1 m) and missed it. That sent them to the third hole with daylight dwindling. Irwin missed the green and Cook put his approach only four feet from the flag.

Irwin chipped on and missed a six-foot

(1.8) putt for par. Cook failed on his birdie attempt, but made the par putt from about 18 inches (45 cm) and had his first pro title.

Tom Watson, golf's dominant force over the last four seasons, had the lead alone much of the final round and enjoyed a 3-shot margin. But Watson, making his first start of the season, three-putted three times and hit one in the water to play his back nine at Spyglass in a struggling 40.

Brad Bryant, another sole leader at one time or another, took a double bogey on his 17th hole at Spyglass, and also had a 74 and tied with Watson at 210.

Also at that figure, and all with a chance to win, were Jerry Pate, Mike Reid and Andy Bean. Bean had a closing 71 at Cypress point, Pate 73 at Pebble Beach and Reid 68 at Pebble Beach.

Nicklaus, a frequent winner here, birdied his first two holes of the day and twice had it 8 shots under par for the tournament. But he, just as Crenshaw, Watson, Bryant and so many others, fell victim to the varied troubles of Spyglass. He played his back side in 38 and finished with a 72 and 211.



HIGH AND DRY: Top seed Abu Bakr is poised to return a high ball, but the tournament favorite crashed.

Ben Borth blasts top-seeded Bakr

By Geoff Gardner Al-Khobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Feb. 3 — Newcomer Ben Borth blasted top-seeded Abu Bakr 6-3, 6-0, to win the first flight men's finals of the 1981 Al-Khobar Invitational Tennis Tournament at the University of Petroleum and Minerals courts in Dhahran Friday. Hours before, Diane Jackson retained her ladies' singles title with a convincing 6-1, 6-1 win over Wendy Jones.

Bakr, former Egyptian Davis Cup captain and last year's tournament winner, couldn't cope with Borth's superior strength and speed.

The 28-year-old Borth, who never played collegiate or professional tennis, took complete control in the eight game of the first set. After each player won service for the first seven games, Borth broke his opponent's serve. Long and excellent rallies on the first two points of the eighth game left the players at 15-all. After Bakr held advantage, Borth hit three winners and Bakr was finished for the day. With new confidence, Borth came to the net again and again to sweep the next seven games.

"I was trying to get the feel until the service break," Borth said. "Then I was more confident in the second set. I was aware of the drop shot and wanted to get to the net to stop it."

The lack of success of the drop shot was indicative of the entire match. The 45-year-old Bakr tried several, but Borth returned them all, some for winners. Borth started strong, winning the first game of the match on four straight points as Bakr failed to return service. Most of the over 200 spectators, highly partisan for the popular Bakr, UPM teaching pro, knew that last year's winner was in for a tough afternoon.

The afternoon was shorter than they would have liked as Borth hit his shots with power and accuracy, coming to the net constantly behind strong approach shots or a hard serve. Bakr gradually lost heart as the young Aramcon improved.

The match was less than an hour old when Borth served the final game. He took the first point on a serve, netted the next, then came to the net for the final four, winning with a hard volley out of Bakr's reach.

Diane Jackson made it sweep for Aramcon, who could play in the tournament only by invitation of their non-Aramcon doubles partners. She had an easy time at the UPM Faculty and Staff Recreation Center courts.

"I tried to be as steady as I could and hoped Wendy made mistakes," Jackson said. "She Walts outlasts Dibley

RICHMOND, Virginia, Feb. 3 (AP) — Butch Walts of the United States outlasted Colin Dibley of Australia 6-7, 7-6, 7-6 in a match that went to three tie-breakers without a service break Monday in the opening round of the United Virginia Bank Tennis Classic.



VICTORY PATH: The Renault 5 Turbo, driven by Jean Ragnotti and Jean-Marc (inset), on its way to victory in the Monte Carlo Rally Friday.

South African athletes barred

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (AP) — Distance runners Sydney Maree and Matthews Motshwarateu have been barred from the Wanamaker Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden Friday night because of the sanctioning group's ban on South African athletes competing in international meets.

The Athletic Congress, America's governing body for track, has informed Howard Schmetz, the Millrose director, that the two black athletes are ineligible under the ban imposed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The ban was imposed to protest South Africa's racial segregation policies.

Motshwarateu, a freshman at Texas-El Paso, and Maree, a senior at Villanova, earlier accepted invitations from Schmetz to run in the 5,000 meters.

The field for the event includes Suleiman Nyambui, the Olympic silver medalist at the distance, and Alberto Salazar, the New York City marathon winner, and Greg Mayer, who set an American indoor record for the 5,000 of 13 minutes 40.6 seconds in Cambridge, last week.

Charges haunt world boxing bouts

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3 (Agencies) — A U.S. Bank said Monday it had filed a suit to get back \$21.3 million it alleged was fraudulently withdrawn and named a world-championship boxing promoter who disappeared last week among the defendants.

The Wells Fargo Bank named Harold Smith, chairman of Muhammad Ali Profes-

sional Sports (MAPS), which is helping to promote a boxing program featuring three world title fights at Madison Square Garden, New York, on Feb. 23.

Earlier, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it was investigating alleged illegal transfers of funds between accounts at the Beverly Hills branch of Wells Fargo. Both Mr. Smith, 37, and Ben Lewis, a member of MAPS board and an operations officer at the Bank, have not been seen for a week, according to friends and associates.

The New York reported Tuesday that friends of Mr. Smith said he had received a number of death threats during the last few months and that they feared he had been murdered.

The Feb. 23 boxing program in which MAPS was a co-promoter, was to have featured heavyweights Gerry Cooney and Ken Norton. The three championship fights were a light-heavyweight title match between World Boxing Council champion Matthew Saad Muhammad and World Boxing Association champion Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, Tommy Hearn's defense of his WBA Welterweight crown against Wilfredo Benitez and Wilfredo Gomez's defense of his WBC super-bantamweight title against Mike Ayala.

MAPS President Sammie Marshall met

Aussies win World Series

SYDNEY, Feb. 3 (AP) — Australia won the World Series Cup over New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket ground Tuesday night but the victory was overshadowed by the dominating presence of the winner's skipper, Greg Chappell.

Australia rattled up 218 for the loss of only four wickets in reply to New Zealand's 215 for eight before a record Sydney limited over attendance of 29,171.

Australia took the series three matches to one and collected \$35,000 and a Gold Cup. New Zealand won \$17,500.

The tall figure of Greg Chappell — named player of the finals stepped upright on the ground Tuesday leading the Australians to the field and riding out the storm of con-

trover and ill feeling from last Sunday's clash when the Australians bowled the last ball underarm.

From the cheering, clapping and booing which greeted him at the outset, to the roaring applause when he reached 50 and the standing ovation from the members stand when his innings ended at 87, the day and night belonged to the colossus of Australian cricket. There could be no doubt that Sydney had forgiven his transgressions.

Brief scores: New Zealand 215 for 8 (J. Wright 57, B. Edgar 38, G. Howarth 46; Lillee 3 for 27) lost to Australia 218 for 4 (G. Wood 34, G. Chappell 87, K. Hughes 47; Saeedien 3 for 27).

Meanwhile, Muhammad Ali has denied suggestions that he is prepared to help salvage the Feb. 23 Madison Square Garden boxing bill. The former world heavyweight boxing champion allowed his name to be used for the boxing promotions company but has no links with it.

The suggestion that he would be prepared to become one of the promoters of the Madison Garden meeting was by Bilal Muhammad, manager of the light heavyweight (WBC) champion Saad Muhammad.

But Ali said Monday night "I am not going to promote any fight. I am not going to put my money in it whatever."

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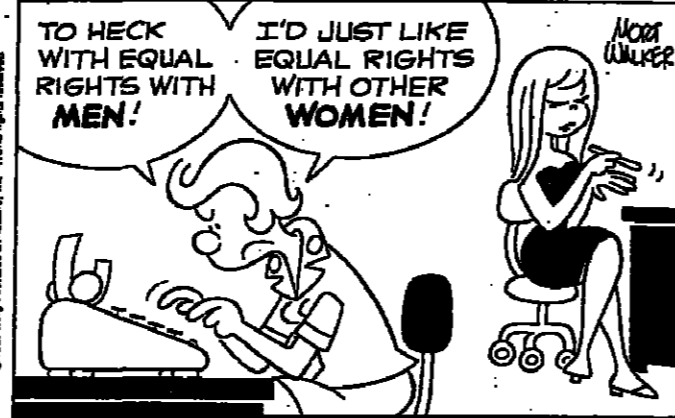
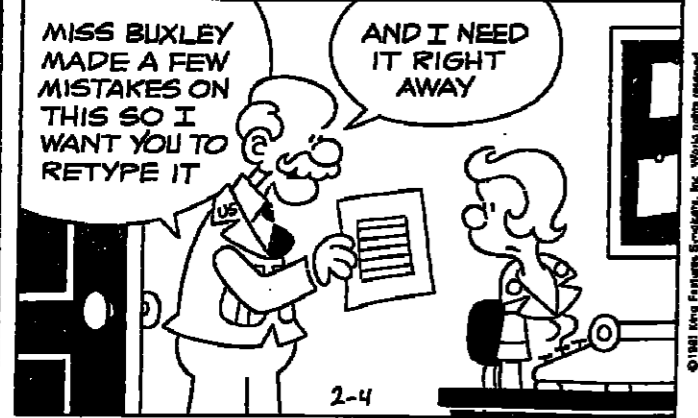
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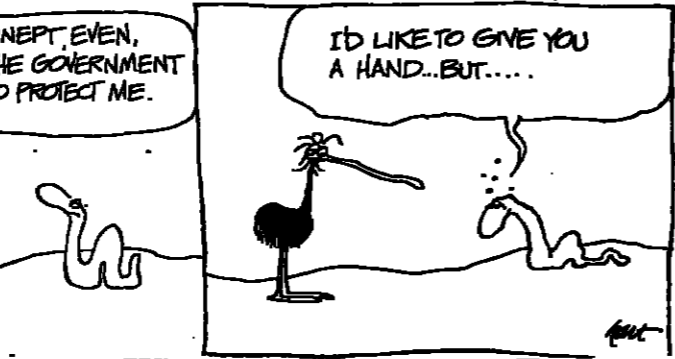
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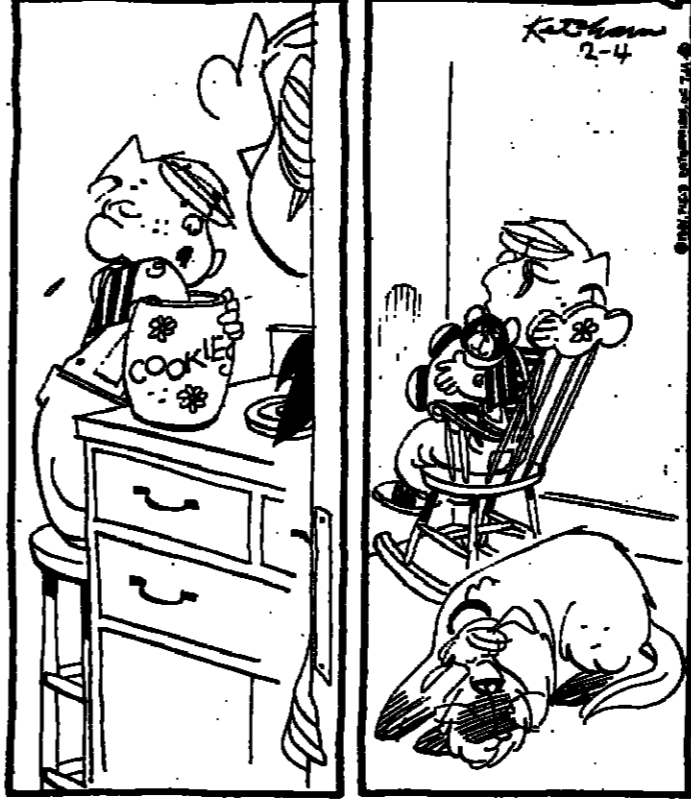
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Contract Bridge: B. Jay Becker

A Play Fit for a King. South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH: ♠Q10863, ♥52, ♦84, ♣J743. WEST: ♠974, ♥K64, ♦AQ5, ♣10985. EAST: ♠KJ52, ♥10, ♦J10973, ♣Q62. SOUTH: ♠A, ♥AQJ9873, ♦K62, ♣AK. The bidding: South 2♥, West Pass, North 2NT, East Pass, South 3♥, West Pass, North 3♣, East Pass. Opening lead - ten of clubs.

Assume you're declarer in four hearts and West leads the ten of clubs, which you win with the ace. How would you play the hand? The potential losers are three diamonds and a trump, and the only real problem is how to proceed so as to have the best chance to eliminate one of these losers. The most obvious line of play is to try to ruff a diamond in dummy to acquire a tenth trick. So let's say you play a low diamond at trick two. East wins and returns a trump. It now does not matter whether you finesse the queen or go up with the ace; either way West won't let you trump a diamond in dummy and you go down one. But if you adopt a slightly different method of play you make the contract. At trick two you lead the king of diamonds, not the deuce! The effect of this play is that West, not East, wins the first diamond trick and you come home safe and sound. The best West can do to try to stop the diamond ruff is lead a trump, which you win with the jack. When you then play a second diamond, either East wins it and does not have a trump to return, or West wins it and cannot afford a trump return. And so, by leading the king of diamonds at trick two, you save either a trump loser or a diamond loser and make the contract. Let's grant that the king of diamonds play at trick two does not guarantee a successful outcome against any lie of the cards. Nevertheless, it goes a long way toward increasing your chances of landing the contract. It offers by far the best chance for a satisfactory outcome - and who could ask for anything more?

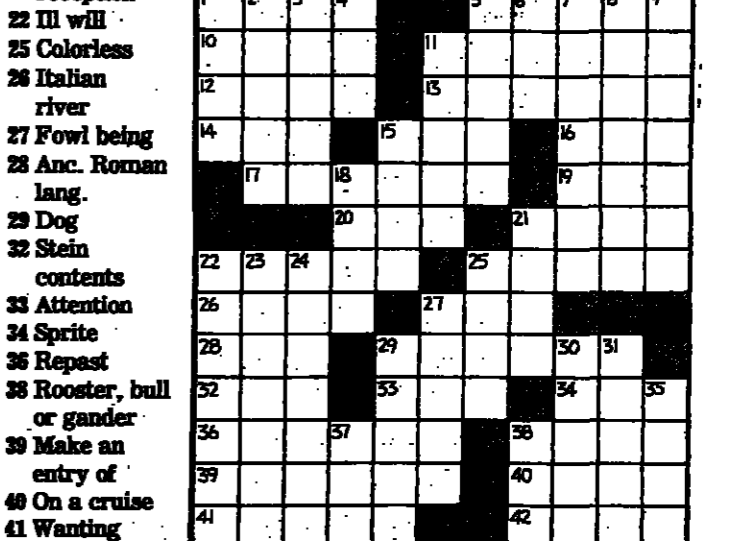
Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1981. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): Don't forget old friends. Make a point to get in touch with them. Both romance and social life should bring happiness now. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20): Capitalize on career opportunity now. Get in touch with important people. Ask for favors. Some obtain recognition and prosperity. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Reconciliations are possible, if you'll make the effort. Travel and romance are happily linked. Commercialize your artistic talents. CANCER (June 21 to July 22): Financial interests are happily highlighted. Get in touch with bankers. Make plans for home improvements. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): Heart-to-heart talks are favored. Straighten out differences now. Some may decide to marry. Marriages - make more time for each other. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): A new work opportunity brings financial gain. Clear the decks for action. Some receive rewards for work done in the past. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): The accent is on play and good times. Hobbies, romance, children and creative activity will be a special source of pleasure. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Focus your attention on family and home improvement projects. You may receive a confidential tip that is quite to your benefit. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): You may receive a delightful invitation now. Talks with higher-ups are favored. Make important phone calls. Catch up on correspondence. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Some will receive a raise or bonus. Important career projects are on the horizon. Capitalize on opportunities for success. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): Go after what you want now. You'll make a favorable impression on others. Sign up for courses or make plans for travel. PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20): Peace and quiet enable you to put the final touches on an important project. You work best now from behind-the-scenes.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Tete-a-tete, need; 5 Animal; 10 Official symbol; 11 Last place, in baseball; 12 Russian John; 13 Be airborne; 14 Fair-haired; 15 Soprano; 16 Meat cut; 17 - to sender; 19 - de tete; 20 Pizzaro's gold; 21 Lavish reception; 22 Ill will; 25 Colorless; 26 Italian river; 27 Fowl being; 28 Anc. Roman lang.; 29 Dog contents; 33 Attention; 34 Sprite; 36 Repeat; 38 Rooster, bull or gender; 39 Make an entry of; 40 On a cruise; 41 Wanting.

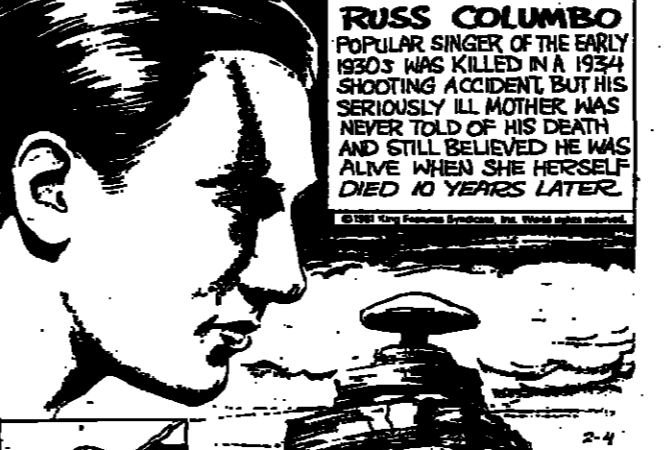
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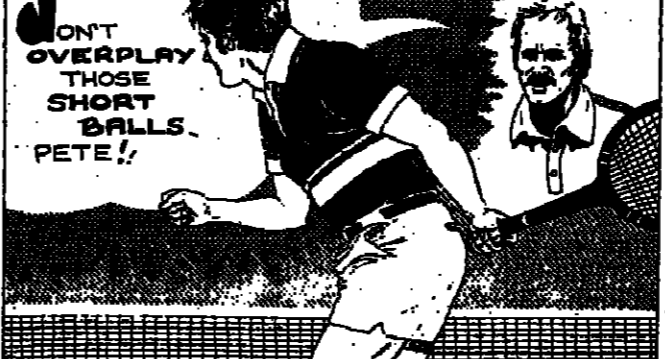


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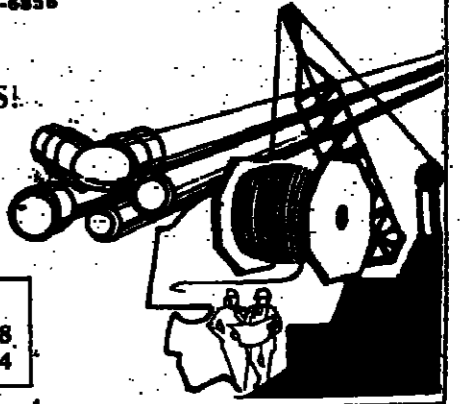


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Reagan to defend South Korea Tells Chun friendship very strong



President Ronald Reagan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan has promised South Korea that the United States will maintain its troop strength in the Pacific region and its long commitment to defend South Korea "against aggression."
"The United States has no plans to withdraw U.S. ground combat forces from the Korean peninsula," Reagan said in a communique Monday following talks here with South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan.
In fact, a senior State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said it is possible that the U.S. could strengthen its forces in South Korea, although they would probably not be ground forces.
The State Department official, who briefed reporters on Reagan's talks with President Chun, said North Korea's military forces outnumber those in South Korea to the point that "it could lead to an attack at almost any time."
The official said questions of human rights were not raised by Reagan during the talks. Human Rights abuses in South Korea were a major point of contention in the relations between the two governments while Jimmy Carter was in the White House.
"We are looking to the future and not the past," the official said when asked why Reagan did not question the human rights policies of the Chun government. The official did say Chun mentioned human rights on his own. Reagan told President Chun "our special bond of freedom and friendship is as



President Chun Doo-Hwan

strong today" as it was 30 years ago.
During remarks following a one-hour meeting with Chun, Reagan made clear that his administration will give high priority to its relationship with South Korea, which had suffered during the four years of the Carter administration.
By inviting Chun for a visit ahead of leaders of major U.S. allies, Reagan also showed his administration has confidence in the Chun government, which seized power in a military coup following the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee in October 1979.
The U.S. maintains a military force of about 39,000 in South Korea. Former President Carter withdrew several thousand U.S. troops in 1979, to the dismay of the Korean military, and Chun wanted assurances that Reagan would not resume a withdrawal policy.
Speaking to reporters with Chun at his side, Reagan said he has assured the Korean leader that "the United States will remain a reliable Pacific partner and we shall maintain

Government firm

Talks on farm labor demand remain stalled in Poland

WARSAW, Feb. 3 (AFP) — Negotiations between government delegations and trade union representatives were still going on Tuesday in various parts of Poland, but without any real progress toward solving the main problem of official recognition of an independent union for agricultural workers.
As a national day of support for the farmers called by the union federation Solidarity got underway, Deputy Agriculture Minister Andrzej Kacala told the farm workers with whom he was negotiating at Rzeszow in southeastern Poland that he was not empowered to discuss the recognition question. The talks continued, but covered only the relatively minor demands of the farmers, and little progress is expected before the supreme court's verdict on registration of the union, due on Feb. 10.
Representatives of the public prosecutor's office also arrived in Rzeszow Tuesday to examine the complaints by the farmers of repression by the local police. Other government representatives went to Ustrzyki Dolne, close to the Soviet frontier, where farmers are calling for the opening of a gov-

ernment hunting reserve to the public and the return of land confiscated to enlarge it.
The day of support took several different forms, where there was no strike, at Solidarity request. Instead posters were stuck on walls in Warsaw, flags were raised outside many factories and workers wore armbands in Poland's national colors of red and white. A hunger-strike by 12 farm workers in Swidnica, southwest Poland, took a serious turn Sunday when three of them were taken to hospital after a week's fast, press reports said. However the government's position was still firm Monday night, with a spokesman repeating that the Rzeszow talks would cover only "the problems of developing agricultural production."
Meanwhile, it was hoped that the arrival of Solidarity leader Lech Walesa would help to defuse tension in the southern city of Bielsko Biala, where workers at more than 100 factories have been on strike for more than a week, defying a union request to return to work. Some national officials described the situation as "very dangerous" as talks began with a government commission over the workers' demands for the removal of more than 30 local state employees whom they accuse of corruption.
At Jelenia Gora, in the southwest, negotiations were also going on with workers also demanding the sacking of local officials and the opening to the public of rest homes reserved for the Communist Party central committee and the Interior Minister. The daily *Zycie Warszawy*, which said that the homes had taken a sizable portion of the funds allocated for public housing, reported that the talks were still far from a solution but the workers were holding back from a threatened strike.
Meanwhile, in one of the sharpest attacks to date on Solidarity, Polish Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania accused the labor movement of having violated its statutes. In a speech carried in part by Polish Radio Tuesday, Kania told the commission preparing the forthcoming party congress: "We have come to face manifestations of anarchy, with instances of diarchy (dual rule), with the transformation of an organization that proclaimed itself to be a trade union, into one far removed from what is laid down in its statutes."

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the stability of the region and unify its objectives and policies," he said.
Earlier, the Kuwaiti foreign minister said the paper will be the central issue to be discussed by the conference.
Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Mubarak said the conference will "translate coordination plans into reality." The UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashed Al Abdullah said the conference will seek to emphasize to the world that the security of the Gulf is the responsibility of its own people. "We shall endeavor to make this automatic," he said.
In Oman, Information Minister Abdul Aziz Al Rawas was quoted as saying that the conference was decided during the Islamic summit. It will draw up a plan for "coordinated security" and chalk out a security agreement that will cover all the participating states.
Because of the strategic interest of the region, such a plan is necessary to keep it away from international rivalries and foreign designs, he added.

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Iran claims heavy blows dealt to Kurdish rebels

BEIRUT, Feb. 3 (AP) — Iran and Iraq claimed hundreds of deaths of paratroop assaults, hit-and-run raids and continuing artillery duels Monday as their war on the northern flank of the Gulf flared into its 20th week.
Tehran communique reported the focal point of the armed conflict shifted from the traditional battlefronts, claiming heavy blows were dealt to autonomy seeking Kurdish insurgents in northwest of the country. But late reports indicated fierce fighting also was continuing in other sectors of the 300-mile embattled border between the two countries.
One communique claimed more than 200 Kurdish insurgents and Iraqi troops backing them were killed in 48 hours of fighting in the northwestern provinces of Kurdistan and Azerbaijan around the city of Mahabad and the border town of Marivan.
Iran's official news agency, Pars, said Iranian forces repulsed an overnight attack by Iraqi commandos to occupy the Sarak hill in Kurdistan and "completely destroyed" the attacking commando group.
Pars said heavy artillery exchanges were continuing since Sunday in the Meymak front in the west, with helicopter gunships providing air support to the Iranian land forces.
The agency added the Iraqis shelled the Khuzestan town of Susangerd in the southern oil heartland early Monday, and that heavy fighting was still continuing along the western and southern approaches of the city.
Iran, claiming the Iraqis were encouraging Kurdish insurgents to establish a breakaway state in the Kurdish-populated province, has declared a Feb. 11 deadline for the Kurdish rebels to surrender, promising a special pardon from Ayatollah Khomeini for those who do.
An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio reported fighting along the entire length of the border, claiming its forces killed



YOUNG AND ARMED: Framed by older men this young Kurd holds a machine gun in a town of Kurdistan, a province in Iran, which has been the scene of Kurdish rebel fighting. 166 Iranian troops and shot down an Iranian Phantom jet during fighting Sunday night and Monday. It also conceded 23 Iraqis were killed.
In Tehran, it was reported that Iran has sufficient weaponry stocks to continue its war with Iraq for another year. Iranian Army Chief of Staff Valliollah Fallahi said in an interview published Monday. In the newspaper *Islamic Revolution* that Iraq's five-to-one advantage over Iran in military strength when the conflict erupted in September had been whittled down, and the two sides now had the same number of troops in action.

Basque gives cold welcome to Carlos

VITORIA, Spain Feb. 3 (R) — King Juan Carlos of Spain flew here to a low-key welcome Tuesday at the start of his first official visit to the troubled Basque country. Security was discreet at the airport where the King's air force plane delayed by freezing fog, landed one hour late.
As Carlos Garaiacoechea, head of the Basque government, greeted the King and Queen Sofia, about 20 leftists raised clenched fists and shouted slogans protesting against the visit.
About 100 well-dressed women waving Spanish flags quickly moved in front of the demonstrators, hiding them from the royal couple. But there were no flags and few people in the streets as the King drove into Vitoria, where autonomous government has its headquarters, for talks with Basque authorities.
This was the first official visit by a Spanish monarch for over 50 years to the restive region where 110 people died in political violence last year.
The 43-year-old King's visit to the turbulent region, long riven by separatist violence, was in spite of a constitutional crisis. Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez, shook the country by quitting last Thursday and a row in his ruling centrist party over who should succeed him is still unresolved.
The King, evidently feeling the Union of the Democratic Center Party should be given a chance to sort out its internal problems at a national congress next weekend, held off an announcement of a proposed replacement for Suarez.
The Basque country has presented probably the most serious threat to Spain's young democracy.



PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL: Brazilian President Joao Baptista Figueiredo and Portuguese President Ramalho Eanes (left) during the review of the honor guard upon his arrival at Lisbon's airport Monday for a four-day official visit to Portugal.

Bomb rocks Bank of Brazil

LISBON, Feb. 3 (AP) — A bomb blast apparently aimed at protesting the current visit of Brazilian President Joao Baptista Figueiredo rocked the Lisbon branch of the Bank of Brazil in the early morning hours Tuesday, shattering windows and damaging the building's facade.
One of the bank's night watchmen was slightly injured by the explosion. The injured guard, named by Anop, the Portuguese national news agency, as Cunha, and chief watchman Moreira saw two youths run up to the Cimianto building, a high-rise office block on Lisbon's commercial Avenida Fontes Pereira de Melo and place a plastic bag before a pillar in front of the street-level bank at 0325 a.m.
"What do you two want," Cunha reported shouting after the pair as they fled on foot up the deserted avenue.
With earlier protests to Figueiredo's visit, begun Sunday, Moreira immediately phoned police and warned his colleague to stay away from the plastic bag. Minutes later it went off, wrecking the glass and aluminum exterior of the bank and slightly damaging a photography shop also on the building's ground floor.
There was no damage, however, to the Brazilian embassy, located on the building's 13th floor. The Japanese embassy, also in the building, was not affected.
While the youth left no message and no word had been received by police or Brazilian authorities by mid-morning, police bomb experts on the scene said they took the attack as a protest against the Brazilian leader's visit.
The Figueiredo visit has met with opposition from leftist Portuguese. The pro-Moscow Communist Party has boycotted all of the official gatherings during the visit after its members were excluded from a reception with the president by the Brazilian embassy.
The single parliamentary deputy of the

far-left Democratic Popular Union walked out of the assembly of the republic before Figueiredo delivered an address to the chamber. A mild demonstration took place Sunday night following the Brazilian's arrival by small leftwing groups protesting continued military rule and demanding the release of political prisoners in Brazil.



COMBAT AIRCRAFT: An Italian pilot, a West German navigator and a British ground crew man (from left) line up in front of a new combat aircraft, Tornado, during the opening ceremony of Tornado pilots at an RAF base in England. The Tornado is built by Italy, West Germany and Great Britain for their air forces and Naval airservices.

Good Morning

By Jhad Khazem
The story's the one about the man who feels unwell and goes to the doctor — who can find nothing wrong. The man insists that something must be done, and the doctor goes to town on him. Cardiograms, encephalograms, X-rays, blood analysis, reaction tests. Come back in a week, the doctor says, when all the reports are in.
A week later the doctor sits — looking frustrated. Before him a huge file. He tells the man it's a long story, but can be cut very short. "Shall I give it to you straight" asks the doctor. "As a bullet" says the man. So the doc says, "You have forty days to live — no more and no less." Time enough to settle your affairs, he says significantly. (Meaning don't come out before paying the medical bill.)
The man walks out in a daze. He meets a friend who tries to console him — no go, of course. Then the -imam says "look. Forty days to go, so you might as well spend them in doing what you enjoy most. Crum a lifetime of pleasure into them so 'that you've had enough by the time you go."
This cheered the man considerably. He sold his house and all his effects. He took any credit cards as he could. Off he went to Acapulco or some such place, and there's fun fun fun all the way. Money was no object. By the time the creditors came to collect he would be well past ...
Three or four days before his time was up, he thought he really had had enough, that his indeed was the best way to go. He decided to phone the doctor to thank him for making it all possible. (And to declare that his bill will remain unpaid —) The moment the doctor hears his voice, he says, "Where the dickens have you been? I have been looking everywhere for you."
"You see I read you the wrong report. You are perfectly healthy. I just couldn't tell you because you seemed to disappear." The man falls in a dead faint, and wakes up to a lifetime of evading creditors and bailiffs. Truly a dog's life ...
Moral: Message, I hope, received by the nation at target. The dear nation which seems to have stood on its head the wise and sacred saying: "Work for your worldly life as if you will live for ever; and work for your salvation as if you will die tomorrow."
Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Jab at Reagan policies led to White's ouster

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP) — Robert White's ouster as U.S. ambassador to El Salvador wasn't exactly a surprise: It was predicted even before President Ronald Reagan took office. A leak from the Reagan transition team in December accused White and several other ambassadors of improperly acting as "social reformers." The report said White would be ousted soon after Reagan became president.
White, the first career ambassador to be removed from his post by the Reagan administration, had publicly criticized transition team proposals on the future of U.S. relations with El Salvador. While in El Salvador, White had told reporters Reagan's transition advisers were "weakening my authority to carry out the policy of the Carter administration."
He was also reported to be upset at reports that some members of the transition team were advising certain Salvadorans that they could disregard the team's public denials of support for a rightist takeover in the central American nation.
A senior State Department official said Monday that White's use of the media instead of private channels to voice his policy disagreements with Washington led to his removal.